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Weekly factory wages and personal income rose to all-time highs in October when employment was down slightly and unemployment was up one-tenth of one percent, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The number of people working in nonfarm jobs dropped by 400 in October to 1,431,900 which was 3,000 higher than 1980 (Page 2). Several layoffs in the aircraft and parts sector of the transportation equipment industry were reflected in a manufacturing employment drop, offset by a 3,200 increase in nonmanufacturing jobs. Twelve of the 16 labor market areas recorded monthly employment increases (Pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose \$3.97 to a record high \$321.31 weekly for a slightly longer workweek of 41.3 hours (Page 3). Average hourly earnings were recorded at \$7.78 per hour, a rise of four cents from September. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, hourly earnings were \$7.48 or \$299.38 per week compared with \$7.47 and \$298.80 straight-time earnings in September. This month's figures represent a 7 percent gain over October 1980. During the same period the U.S. Consumer Price Index rose by about 10 percent. Workers in Bristol, Ansonia, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Britain received the highest weekly wages (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment moved up to 97,900 or 6.1 percent of the labor force from September's 96,100 and 6 percent rate (Page 4). The seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged at 6.7 percent and continued well below the national figure of 8 percent. There were 30 states with higher unemployment rates than Connecticut during September. Eight labor market areas had increases in unemployment which dropped in three others and remained steady in five (Page 4).

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were off for the month with the exception of improvement in the average workweek and personal income gains (Page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

October 1981

|                             | Oct.<br>1981 | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct. (R)<br>1980 | % Change<br>Oct. '81<br>over<br>Sept. '81 | % Change<br>Oct. '81<br>over<br>Oct. '80 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,431,900*   | 1,432,300*    | 1,428,900        | - 0.0**                                   | + 0.2                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 432,200*     | 435,800       | 435,700          | - 0.8                                     | - 0.8                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 312,800*     | 316,600       | 318,300          | - 1.2                                     | - 1.7                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 20,200       | 20,600        | 19,900           | - 1.9                                     | + 1.5                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 64,600       | 64,600        | 64,000           | 0.0                                       | + 0.9                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 59,300       | 59,800        | 61,500           | - 0.8                                     | - 3.6                                    |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 51,800*      | 51,900        | 50,400           | - 0.2                                     | + 2.8                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 81,700       | 84,200        | 87,700           | - 3.0                                     | - 6.8                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 27,300       | 27,700        | 26,600           | - 1.4                                     | + 2.6                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,900        | 7,800         | 8,200            | + 1.3                                     | - 3.7                                    |
| Nonmetallic Mfg.....        | 119,400      | 119,200       | 117,400          | + 0.2                                     | + 1.7                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,400       | 12,400        | 12,700           | 0.0                                       | - 2.4                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 8,100        | 8,100         | 8,000            | 0.0                                       | + 1.3                                    |
| Apparel.....                | 11,900       | 11,800        | 11,000           | + 0.8                                     | + 8.2                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,600        | 6,600         | 6,800            | 0.0                                       | - 2.9                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800        | 9,900         | 9,700            | - 1.0                                     | + 1.0                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 24,600       | 24,300        | 24,000           | + 1.2                                     | + 2.5                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,300       | 19,200        | 18,500           | + 0.5                                     | + 4.3                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 13,100       | 13,500        | 13,700           | - 3.0                                     | - 4.4                                    |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 13,600       | 13,400        | 13,000           | + 1.5                                     | + 4.6                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 999,700*     | 996,500*      | 993,200          | + 0.3                                     | + 0.6                                    |
| Construction.....           | 52,400*      | 52,300*       | 51,000           | + 0.2                                     | + 2.7                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 31,100       | 31,100        | 32,600           | 0.0                                       | - 4.6                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,400       | 18,400        | 17,900           | 0.0                                       | + 2.8                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,100       | 11,200        | 11,000           | - 0.9                                     | + 0.9                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 299,700      | 300,000       | 300,900          | - 0.1                                     | - 0.4                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 75,000       | 75,000        | 74,800           | 0.0                                       | + 0.3                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 157,700      | 156,800       | 160,500          | + 0.6                                     | - 1.7                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 67,000       | 68,200        | 65,600           | - 1.8                                     | + 2.1                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 47,600       | 47,800        | 45,500           | - 0.4                                     | + 4.6                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 62,600       | 62,600        | 50,100           | 0.0                                       | + 4.2                                    |
| Service.....                | 299,600      | 298,600       | 291,200          | + 0.3                                     | + 2.9                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,600        | 5,800         | 6,000            | - 3.5                                     | - 6.7                                    |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.     | 14,000       | 13,900        | 13,900           | + 0.7                                     | + 0.7                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 99,600       | 99,400        | 96,400           | + 0.2                                     | + 3.3                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,700       | 20,600        | 20,100           | + 0.5                                     | + 3.0                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 159,700      | 158,900       | 154,800          | + 0.5                                     | + 3.2                                    |
| Government.....             | 177,200      | 174,500       | 183,000          | + 1.5                                     | - 3.2                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,600       | 21,700        | 21,400           | - 0.5                                     | + 0.9                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 155,600      | 152,800       | 161,600          | + 1.8                                     | - 3.7                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

\*\* Less than 0.5 percent

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - OCTOBER 1 9 8 1  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |               |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |               |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |               |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                                | Oct.<br>1981            | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 | Oct.<br>1981         | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 | Oct.<br>1981            | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$321.31                | \$317.34      | \$301.29     | 41.3                 | 41.0          | 41.5         | \$7.78                  | \$7.74        | \$7.26       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 334.02                  | 328.75        | 312.57       | 41.7                 | 41.3          | 41.9         | 8.01                    | 7.96          | 7.46         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 375.80                  | 372.37        | 328.92       | 43.8                 | 43.4          | 41.9         | 8.58                    | 8.58          | 7.85         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 306.91                  | 304.68        | 279.30       | 42.1                 | 42.2          | 41.5         | 7.29                    | 7.22          | 6.73         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 359.98                  | 350.67        | 336.90       | 42.5                 | 42.3          | 42.7         | 8.47                    | 8.29          | 7.89         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 271.17                  | 263.97        | 244.82       | 40.9                 | 40.3          | 40.6         | 6.63                    | 6.55          | 6.03         |
| Transportation Equipment....                   | 383.04                  | 384.40        | 363.66       | 39.9                 | 40.0          | 41.8         | 9.60                    | 9.61          | 8.70         |
| Instruments and Clocks.....                    | 318.28                  | 307.30        | 296.04       | 43.6                 | 42.8          | 43.6         | 7.30                    | 7.18          | 6.79         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 278.81                  | 272.95        | 254.62       | 41.8                 | 41.8          | 41.2         | 6.67                    | 6.53          | 6.18         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing....                  | 287.43                  | 288.15        | 272.02       | 40.2                 | 40.3          | 40.6         | 7.15                    | 7.15          | 6.70         |
| Food.....                                      | 302.74                  | 303.69        | 302.94       | 40.8                 | 40.6          | 41.9         | 7.42                    | 7.48          | 7.23         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 242.40                  | 238.17        | 221.39       | 40.4                 | 40.3          | 40.4         | 6.00                    | 5.91          | 5.48         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 184.57                  | 185.64        | 169.67       | 35.7                 | 35.7          | 36.1         | 5.17                    | 5.20          | 4.70         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 239.98                  | 237.96        | 225.07       | 40.4                 | 40.4          | 40.7         | 5.94                    | 5.89          | 5.53         |
| Paper.....                                     | 368.34                  | 370.30        | 351.18       | 45.7                 | 46.0          | 46.7         | 8.06                    | 8.05          | 7.52         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 288.88                  | 295.20        | 268.96       | 36.2                 | 36.9          | 37.2         | 7.98                    | 8.00          | 7.23         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 356.12                  | 347.68        | 334.91       | 41.7                 | 41.0          | 41.5         | 8.54                    | 8.48          | 8.07         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....                   | 269.53                  | 275.98        | 268.46       | 40.9                 | 41.5          | 40.8         | 6.59                    | 6.65          | 6.58         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 313.22                  | 313.32        | 290.79       | 42.1                 | 42.0          | 42.7         | 7.44                    | 7.46          | 6.81         |
| Construction.....                              | 454.48                  | 434.88        | 456.51       | 36.8                 | 35.5          | 39.8         | 12.35                   | 12.25         | 11.47        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Oct. 1981     |                               | Sept. 1981    |                               | Oct. 1980 (R) |                               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|                                          | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 97,900        | 6.1                           | 96,100        | 6.0                           | 88,000        | 5.5                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (6.7)                         |               | (6.7)                         |               | (6.1)                         |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                               |               |                               |               |                               |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,500         | 9.0                           | 1,500         | 9.1                           | 1,600         | 9.2                           |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 12,300        | 6.3                           | 11,700        | 6.0                           | 11,600        | 5.8                           |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,200         | 8.9                           | 2,800         | 8.1                           | 3,200         | 8.7                           |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,500         | 6.0                           | 5,300         | 5.8                           | 4,700         | 5.2                           |
| Danielson.....                           | 2,700         | 9.3                           | 2,600         | 9.0                           | 2,400         | 8.4                           |
| Hartford.....                            | 22,400        | 5.8                           | 21,700        | 5.6                           | 18,000        | 4.6                           |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,400         | 8.9                           | 2,300         | 8.8                           | 1,900         | 7.4                           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,400         | 5.7                           | 3,300         | 5.5                           | 2,700         | 4.5                           |
| New Britain.....                         | 5,300         | 6.8                           | 5,300         | 6.8                           | 4,500         | 5.8                           |
| New Haven.....                           | 13,100        | 6.5                           | 13,000        | 6.5                           | 12,700        | 6.2                           |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,500         | 6.1                           | 6,500         | 6.1                           | 6,200         | 5.8                           |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,200         | 4.2                           | 3,300         | 4.3                           | 2,900         | 3.9                           |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,700         | 3.9                           | 5,100         | 4.2                           | 4,600         | 3.8                           |
| Torrington.....                          | 3,100         | 7.8                           | 3,100         | 7.6                           | 2,600         | 6.3                           |
| Waterbury.....                           | 7,400         | 6.9                           | 7,400         | 6.9                           | 7,300         | 6.7                           |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,200         | 4.9                           | 1,200         | 4.9                           | 1,100         | 4.4                           |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 8,024,000     | 7.5                           | 7,687,000     | 7.3                           | 7,482,000     | 7.1                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (8.0)                         |               | (7.5)                         |               | (7.6)                         |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | <u>Oct. '81</u> | <u>Sept. '81</u> | <u>Oct. '80</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| All Items.....          | 279.9           | 279.3            | 253.9           |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx             | + 0.2            | +10.2           |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.



AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Oct. '81 | Sept. '81  | Oct. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>October '81 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |            |              | Sept. '81                              | Oct. '80 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,480    | 8,360      | 8,700        | + 1.4                                  | - 2.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 3,040    | 2,980      | 3,220        | + 2.0                                  | - 5.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,440    | 5,380      | 5,480        | + 1.1                                  | - 0.7    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 173,970* | 173,410    | 173,420      | + 0.3                                  | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 66,870*  | 66,930     | 64,850       | - 0.1                                  | + 3.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 107,100  | 106,480    | 108,570      | + 0.6                                  | - 1.4    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 23,620   | 23,450     | 23,890       | + 0.7                                  | - 1.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,860    | 9,800      | 10,470       | + 0.6                                  | - 5.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,760   | 13,650     | 13,420       | + 0.8                                  | + 2.5    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,470   | 66,110     | 65,180       | + 0.5                                  | + 2.0    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,680   | 21,910     | 21,450       | - 1.0                                  | + 1.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,790   | 44,200     | 43,730       | + 1.3                                  | + 2.4    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 20,210   | 20,310     | 19,970       | - 0.5                                  | + 1.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,280    | 9,490      | 9,080        | - 2.2                                  | + 2.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,930   | 10,820     | 10,890       | + 1.0                                  | + 0.4    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 401,720* | 400,770*   | 403,120*     | + 0.2                                  | - 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 94,820*  | 96,800     | 99,350*      | - 2.0                                  | - 4.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 306,900* | 303,970*   | 303,770      | + 1.0                                  | + 1.0    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,530   | 21,390     | 21,360       | + 0.7                                  | + 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,530    | 5,710      | 5,810        | - 3.2                                  | - 4.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,000   | 15,680     | 15,550       | + 2.0                                  | + 2.9    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 46,630   | 46,600 (R) | 47,230*      | + 0.1                                  | + 1.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 15,200   | 15,470     | 16,230       | - 1.7                                  | - 6.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 31,430   | 31,130 (R) | 31,000*      | + 1.0                                  | + 1.4    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,530   | 65,700     | 65,610*      | + 1.3                                  | + 1.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 29,490   | 29,600     | 29,610*      | - 0.4                                  | - 0.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 37,040   | 36,100     | 36,000       | + 2.6                                  | + 2.9    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 193,970  | 193,540    | 195,090*     | + 0.2                                  | - 0.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 38,900   | 39,200     | 41,840*      | - 0.8                                  | - 7.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 155,070  | 154,340    | 153,250      | + 0.5                                  | + 1.2    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 93,800*  | 95,130*    | 92,940       | - 1.4                                  | + 0.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,670*  | 35,270     | 34,920       | - 1.7                                  | - 0.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 59,130*  | 59,860*    | 58,020       | - 1.2                                  | + 1.9    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |            |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,160   | 64,060     | 62,810       | + 0.2                                  | + 2.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,640   | 21,610     | 20,780       | + 0.1                                  | + 4.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,520   | 42,450     | 42,030       | + 0.2                                  | + 1.2    |

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Oct. '81 | Sept. '81 | Oct. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>October '81 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |           |              | Sept. '81                              | Oct. '80 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |           |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,350  | 112,020   | 109,200      | - 0.6                                  | + 2.0    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,000   | 30,790    | 31,590       | + 0.7                                  | - 1.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 80,350   | 81,230    | 77,610       | - 1.1                                  | + 3.5    |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |           |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,050   | 29,240    | 29,550       | - 0.6                                  | - 1.7    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,260   | 10,210    | 10,410       | + 0.5                                  | - 1.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,790   | 19,030    | 19,140       | - 1.3                                  | - 1.8    |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |           |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,160   | 89,140    | 88,510       | + 0.1                                  | + 0.7    |
| Manufacturing        | 33,220   | 33,270    | 32,780       | - 0.2                                  | + 1.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 55,940   | 55,870    | 55,730       | + 0.1                                  | + 0.4    |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |           |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,160   | 19,530    | 20,090       | + 3.2                                  | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,940    | 2,950     | 2,930        | - 0.3                                  | + 0.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,220   | 16,580    | 17,160       | + 3.9                                  | + 0.3    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - OCTOBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |               |              | Average Weekly Hours |               |              | Average Hourly Earnings |               |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|             | Oct.<br>1981            | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 | Oct.<br>1981         | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 | Oct.<br>1981            | Sept.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1980 |
| Ansonia     | \$376.66                | \$364.65      | \$329.60     | 43.9                 | 42.9          | 41.2         | \$8.58                  | \$8.50        | \$8.00       |
| Bridgeport  | 339.20                  | 339.58        | 315.23       | 42.4                 | 42.5          | 42.2         | 8.00                    | 7.99          | 7.47         |
| Bristol     | 357.29                  | 362.71        | 323.08       | 40.1                 | 40.8          | 39.4         | 8.91                    | 8.89          | 8.20         |
| Danbury     | 317.12                  | 306.59        | 295.91       | 43.5                 | 42.7          | 44.1         | 7.29                    | 7.18          | 6.71         |
| Danielson   | 254.39                  | 256.32        | 236.25       | 37.8                 | 38.2          | 37.5         | 6.73                    | 6.71          | 6.30         |
| Hartford    | 336.61                  | 332.51        | 324.59       | 40.9                 | 40.6          | 42.1         | 8.23                    | 8.19          | 7.71         |
| Meriden     | 288.40                  | 284.90        | 257.11       | 41.2                 | 40.7          | 39.8         | 7.00                    | 7.00          | 6.46         |
| Middletown  | 328.35                  | 329.60        | 316.31       | 39.8                 | 40.0          | 40.5         | 8.25                    | 8.24          | 7.81         |
| New Britain | 332.06                  | 324.90        | 310.06       | 42.3                 | 41.6          | 41.9         | 7.85                    | 7.81          | 7.40         |
| New Haven   | 300.60                  | 302.04        | 282.80       | 39.5                 | 39.9          | 40.4         | 7.61                    | 7.57          | 7.00         |
| New London- | 325.21                  | 329.25        | 303.62       | 40.1                 | 40.9          | 40.7         | 8.11                    | 8.05          | 7.46         |
| Norwich     |                         |               |              |                      |               |              |                         |               |              |
| Norwalk     | 321.90                  | 328.70        | 313.69       | 43.5                 | 44.6          | 45.2         | 7.40                    | 7.37          | 6.94         |
| Stamford    | 300.12                  | 292.98        | 284.69       | 41.0                 | 40.3          | 41.2         | 7.32                    | 7.27          | 6.91         |
| Torrington  | 235.42                  | 238.80        | 223.51       | 39.5                 | 40.0          | 39.7         | 5.96                    | 5.97          | 5.63         |
| Waterbury   | 273.19                  | 269.93        | 255.42       | 41.9                 | 41.4          | 41.6         | 6.52                    | 6.52          | 6.14         |
| Willimantic | 256.62                  | 264.02        | 267.89       | 42.0                 | 43.0          | 45.1         | 6.11                    | 6.14          | 5.94         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | New Hire Rate |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Manufacturing |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1409.8          | 1427.6     | 2.0           | 2.1        | 7301           | 5213       | 6.1          | 5.5        |
| Feb.... | 1405.9          | 1429.8     | 1.9           | 2.2        | 4513           | 4843       | 5.7          | 5.2        |
| Mar.... | 1418.1          | 1436.3     | 2.7           | 2.1        | 3752           | 4641       | 5.6          | 5.2        |
| Apr.... | 1427.6          | 1425.5     | 1.7           | 1.9        | 5179           | 5708       | 5.5          | 5.5        |
| May.... | 1435.9          | 1424.8     | 1.9           | 1.8        | 4807           | 6444       | 5.6          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1441.8          | 1416.5     | 2.1           | 1.6        | 6289           | 7154       | 6.4          | 6.3        |
| Jul.... | 1415.6          | 1424.9     | 1.1           | 1.2        | 9917           | 6382       | 6.8          | 6.5        |
| Aug.... | 1406.0          | 1420.6     | 1.5           | 1.3        | 6643           | 6956       | 6.4          | 6.4        |
| Sep.... | 1422.1          | 1417.6     | 1.8           | 1.4        | 4175           | 6639       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Oct.... | 1428.9          | 1421.7     | 1.6           | 1.5        | 4256           | 6129       | 5.5          | 6.1        |
| Nov.... | 1436.8          | 1424.1     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4464           | 5739       | 5.5          | 6.0        |
| Dec.... | 1443.6          | 1426.0     | 1.0           | 1.5        | 9094           | 5285       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| 1981    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1421.5          | 1438.8     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 7433           | 5305       | 7.1          | 5.9        |
| Feb.... | 1420.6          | 1445.2     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4533           | 4864       | 6.8          | 5.9        |
| Mar.... | 1428.6          | 1447.4     | 1.5           | 1.5        | 4055           | 5019       | 6.2          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1432.6          | 1429.7     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4644           | 5120       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| May.... | 1441.4          | 1430.0     | 1.7           | 1.5        | 3941           | 5282       | 5.3          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1450.6          | 1425.0     | 2.2           | 1.8        | 5786           | 6582       | 6.0          | 5.9        |
| Jul.... | 1427.9          | 1436.5     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 8374           | 5389       | 6.3          | 6.1        |
| Aug.... | 1419.3          | 1433.6     | 1.9           | 1.6        | 5877           | 6154       | 6.3          | 6.5        |
| Sep.... | 1432.3          | 1428.0     | 1.8           | 1.5        | 3896           | 6194       | 6.0          | 6.7        |
| Oct.... | 1431.9          | 1424.8     | 1.3 (P)       | 1.2 (P)    | 4729           | 6814       | 6.1          | 6.7        |
| Nov.... |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |

|         | Personal Income |      | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions        |      | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally      | Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980    |                 |      |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 2672.8          |      | 8969          | 10175      | 42.6          | 42.4       | 121.1       | 116.6      |
| Feb.... | 2702.4          |      | 8265          | 10125      | 42.2          | 42.3       | 120.6       | 116.8      |
| Mar.... | 2706.0          |      | 13194         | 11325      | 42.2          | 42.1       | 121.9       | 116.9      |
| Apr.... | 2686.4          |      | 9931          | 10155      | 41.9          | 42.2       | 121.2       | 118.1      |
| May.... | 2696.9          |      | 9875          | 8903       | 41.8          | 42.0       | 120.0       | 116.8      |
| Jun.... | 2704.1          |      | 9868          | 8274       | 41.6          | 41.7       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Jul.... | 2747.7          |      | 9564          | 8646       | 41.3          | 41.6       | 100.5       | 113.1      |
| Aug.... | 2766.3          |      | 9916          | 8937       | 41.3          | 41.8       | 100.4       | 113.4      |
| Sep.... | 2786.4          |      | 9781          | 12069      | 41.3          | 41.4       | 116.2       | 114.2      |
| Oct.... | 2799.0          |      | 13032         | 12248      | 41.5          | 41.4       | 117.4       | 114.9      |
| Nov.... | 2810.3          |      | 8060          | 10056      | 42.0          | 41.6       | 120.2       | 116.1      |
| Dec.... | 2842.3          |      | 10979         | 11423      | 42.3          | 41.6       | 110.3       | 116.9      |
| 1981    |                 |      |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 2888.1          |      | 9052          | 10275      | 42.1          | 41.9       | 119.7       | 115.2      |
| Feb.... | 2900.4          |      | 7491          | 9180       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 117.1       | 113.4      |
| Mar.... | 2917.3          |      | 11387         | 9774       | 41.8          | 41.7       | 120.3       | 115.5      |
| Apr.... | 2890.5          |      | 12979         | 13271      | 41.5          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.2      |
| May.... | 2906.6          |      | 9161          | 8328       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... | 2923.3          |      | 9387          | 7868       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.0      |
| Jul.... | 2943.5          |      | 9219          | 8335       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.1      |
| Aug.... | 2966.9          |      | 9888          | 8908       | 41.3          | 41.8       | 104.7       | 118.3      |
| Sep.... | 2977.0          |      | 8120          | 10025      | 41.0          | 41.1       | 119.3       | 117.2      |
| Oct.... | 2987.1          |      | 8742          | 8216       | 41.3          | 41.2       | 119.2       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... |                 |      |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec.... |                 |      |               |            |               |            |             |            |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT



EMPLOYMENT  
SECURITY DIVISION  
HARTFORD 06115

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COMMISSIONER

December 1981

Employment remained stable in November, both factory weekly wages and personal income reached record high levels and unemployment was up in November, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The number of nonfarm jobs in Connecticut increased by 400 to 1,432,300 last month (page 2). A gain of 2,200 in nonmanufacturing was offset by an 1,800 decline in manufacturing employment. The traditional surge in retail trade jobs for the holiday season appeared more restrained this year. Fifteen labor market areas had monthly employment increases and Danielson recorded a decline (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of production workers set a new high of \$325.40 weekly, up from \$321.31 in October and \$309.12 in November 1980 (page 3). The hourly rate rose 8-cents from the month earlier and the workweek was slightly longer at 41.4 hours. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly wages were \$7.55 or \$302 weekly, a 7.2 percent increase from the same month last year. The highest wages were paid to workers in the Ansonia area, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport and Hartford (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 101,900 or 6.3 percent, up from October's 97,900 or 6.1 (page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, one-tenth of one percent higher at 6.8, continued well below the national rate of 8.4 percent. Unemployment increased in 12 labor markets, declined in three and was unchanged in one.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents set another high in November when other economic indicators were mixed (page 7). The new hire rate in manufacturing and manufacturing output were down slightly and seasonally adjusted weekly claims for unemployment benefits increased.

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The U.S. Department of Labor designated Bridgeport and Seymour as "labor surplus" areas effective December 1, 1981, thus entitling employers in those areas to preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. Ordinarily the designation is given to an area with an unemployment rate of at least 1.20 times the national average for a 24-month period. This criteria was waived, however, for Bridgeport and Seymour due to sudden and unforeseen unemployment increases not reflected in the average unemployment rate during the reference period.

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A 1980 updated report profiling the Connecticut labor force is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

November 1981

|                             | Nov.<br>1981 | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov. (R)<br>1980 | % Change<br>Nov. '81<br>over<br>Oct. '81 | % Change<br>Nov. '81<br>over<br>Nov. '80 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,432,300*   | 1,431,900*   | 1,436,800*       | + 0.0**                                  | - 0.3                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 430,400      | 432,200*     | 437,800*         | - 0.4                                    | - 1.7                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 311,800      | 312,800*     | 319,900*         | - 0.3                                    | - 2.5                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 20,100       | 20,200       | 20,400           | - 0.5                                    | - 1.5                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 64,400       | 64,600       | 64,800*          | - 0.3                                    | - 0.6                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec....     | 58,500       | 59,300       | 61,100*          | - 1.4                                    | - 4.3                                    |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 51,900       | 51,800*      | 50,500*          | + 0.2                                    | + 2.8                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 81,700       | 81,700       | 87,900           | 0.0                                      | - 7.0                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 27,300       | 27,300       | 26,800           | 0.0                                      | + 1.9                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,900        | 7,900        | 8,400            | 0.0                                      | - 6.0                                    |
| Nonmetallic Mfg.....        | 118,600      | 119,400      | 117,900*         | - 0.7                                    | + 0.6                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,300       | 12,400       | 12,800           | - 0.8                                    | - 3.9                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 8,100        | 8,100        | 7,900            | 0.0                                      | + 2.5                                    |
| Apparel.....                | 11,800       | 11,900       | 10,900           | - 0.8                                    | + 8.3                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,400        | 6,600        | 6,900            | - 3.0                                    | - 7.2                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,900        | 9,800        | 9,600            | + 1.0                                    | + 3.1                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 24,700       | 24,600       | 24,100           | + 0.4                                    | + 2.5                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,200       | 19,300       | 18,400           | - 0.5                                    | + 4.4                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 12,800       | 13,100       | 14,000*          | - 2.3                                    | - 8.6                                    |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 13,400       | 13,600       | 13,300           | - 1.5                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,001,900*   | 999,700*     | 999,000*         | + 0.2                                    | + 0.3                                    |
| Construction.....           | 52,100       | 52,400*      | 50,200           | - 0.6                                    | + 3.8                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 30,900       | 31,100       | 32,500           | - 0.6                                    | - 4.9                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,400       | 18,400       | 18,100           | 0.0                                      | + 1.7                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,300       | 11,100       | 10,900           | + 1.8                                    | + 3.7                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 302,000      | 299,700      | 305,600*         | + 0.8                                    | - 1.2                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 75,400       | 75,000       | 74,900*          | + 0.5                                    | + 0.7                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 159,900      | 157,700      | 165,200          | + 1.4                                    | - 3.2                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 66,700       | 67,000       | 65,500           | - 0.4                                    | + 1.8                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 47,900       | 47,600       | 45,500           | + 0.6                                    | + 5.3                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 62,500       | 62,600       | 60,400           | - 0.2                                    | + 3.5                                    |
| Service.....                | 299,400      | 299,600      | 291,500          | - 0.1                                    | + 2.7                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,500        | 5,600        | 6,000            | - 1.8                                    | - 8.3                                    |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.     | 14,100       | 14,000       | 13,900           | + 0.7                                    | + 1.4                                    |
| Business Services.....      | 62,000       | 61,800       | 57,400           | + 0.3                                    | + 8.0                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 99,800*      | 99,600       | 96,700           | + 0.2                                    | + 3.2                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,800       | 20,700       | 20,200           | + 0.5                                    | + 3.0                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 28,200       | 28,200       | 30,400           | 0.0                                      | - 7.2                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 69,000       | 69,700       | 66,900           | - 1.0                                    | + 3.1                                    |
| Government.....             | 177,400      | 177,200      | 184,300          | + 0.1                                    | - 3.7                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,600       | 21,600       | 21,500           | 0.0                                      | + 0.5                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 155,800      | 155,600      | 162,800          | + 0.1                                    | - 4.3                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

\*\* Less than 0.5 percent

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - NOVEMBER 1981  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                   | Nov.<br>1981            | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 | Nov.<br>1981         | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 | Nov.<br>1981            | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and<br>Related Workers) | \$325.40                | \$321.31     | \$309.12     | 41.4                 | 41.3         | 42.0         | \$7.86                  | \$7.78       | \$7.36       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                       | 338.16                  | 334.02       | 321.72       | 41.8                 | 41.7         | 42.5         | 8.09                    | 8.01         | 7.57         |
| Primary Metals.....                               | 373.68                  | 375.80       | 335.20       | 43.1                 | 43.8         | 41.9         | 8.67                    | 8.58         | 8.00         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                            | 304.72                  | 306.91       | 289.59       | 41.8                 | 42.1         | 42.4         | 7.29                    | 7.29         | 6.83         |
| Machinery.....                                    | 369.80                  | 359.98       | 349.31       | 42.9                 | 42.5         | 43.5         | 8.62                    | 8.47         | 8.03         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                         | 271.32                  | 271.17       | 247.46       | 40.8                 | 40.9         | 40.5         | 6.65                    | 6.63         | 6.11         |
| Transportation Equipment..                        | 397.55                  | 383.04       | 380.57       | 40.9                 | 39.9         | 43.1         | 9.72                    | 9.60         | 8.83         |
| Instruments and Clocks....                        | 315.49                  | 318.28       | 298.28       | 43.1                 | 43.6         | 43.8         | 7.32                    | 7.30         | 6.81         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                           | 279.89                  | 278.81       | 256.63       | 41.9                 | 41.8         | 40.8         | 6.68                    | 6.67         | 6.29         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                      | 289.52                  | 287.43       | 274.86       | 40.1                 | 40.2         | 40.6         | 7.22                    | 7.15         | 6.77         |
| Food.....                                         | 301.25                  | 302.74       | 301.07       | 40.6                 | 40.8         | 41.7         | 7.42                    | 7.42         | 7.22         |
| Textiles.....                                     | 235.98                  | 242.40       | 215.44       | 39.2                 | 40.4         | 39.1         | 6.02                    | 6.00         | 5.51         |
| Apparel.....                                      | 186.32                  | 184.57       | 169.20       | 35.9                 | 35.7         | 36.0         | 5.19                    | 5.17         | 4.70         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                           | 239.00                  | 239.98       | 227.05       | 39.9                 | 40.4         | 40.4         | 5.99                    | 5.94         | 5.62         |
| Paper.....                                        | 366.57                  | 368.34       | 341.71       | 45.2                 | 45.7         | 45.5         | 8.11                    | 8.06         | 7.51         |
| Printing and Publishing...                        | 292.56                  | 288.88       | 276.72       | 36.8                 | 36.2         | 37.7         | 7.95                    | 7.98         | 7.34         |
| Chemicals.....                                    | 363.96                  | 356.12       | 341.51       | 41.5                 | 41.7         | 41.8         | 8.77                    | 8.54         | 8.17         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics...                        | 276.34                  | 269.53       | 277.12       | 41.0                 | 40.9         | 41.3         | 6.74                    | 6.59         | 6.71         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                        | 315.14                  | 313.22       | 296.96       | 42.3                 | 42.1         | 43.1         | 7.45                    | 7.44         | 6.89         |
| Construction.....                                 | 463.51                  | 454.48       | 467.60       | 37.2                 | 36.8         | 40.0         | 12.46                   | 12.35        | 11.69        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Nov. 1981     | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Oct. 1981     | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Nov. 1980 (R) | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 101,900       | 6.3                           | 97,900        | 6.1                           | 88,200        | 5.5                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (6.8)                         |               | (6.7)                         |               | (6.0)                         |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                               |               |                               |               |                               |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,300         | 8.1                           | 1,500         | 9.0                           | 1,300         | 7.9                           |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 12,200        | 6.2                           | 12,300        | 6.3                           | 11,300        | 5.6                           |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,400         | 9.4                           | 3,200         | 8.9                           | 3,000         | 8.1                           |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,300         | 5.7                           | 5,500         | 6.0                           | 4,800         | 5.3                           |
| Danielson.....                           | 3,100         | 10.6                          | 2,700         | 9.3                           | 2,600         | 8.9                           |
| Hartford.....                            | 23,400        | 6.0                           | 22,400        | 5.8                           | 18,800        | 4.8                           |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,800         | 10.3                          | 2,400         | 8.9                           | 2,000         | 7.7                           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,600         | 6.0                           | 3,400         | 5.7                           | 2,700         | 4.6                           |
| New Britain.....                         | 5,700         | 7.2                           | 5,300         | 6.8                           | 4,000         | 5.1                           |
| New Haven.....                           | 13,400        | 6.6                           | 13,100        | 6.5                           | 13,100        | 6.3                           |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,500         | 6.2                           | 6,500         | 6.1                           | 5,600         | 5.3                           |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,700         | 4.9                           | 3,200         | 4.2                           | 3,200         | 4.3                           |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,700         | 3.9                           | 4,700         | 3.9                           | 4,300         | 3.6                           |
| Torrington.....                          | 3,300         | 8.1                           | 3,100         | 7.8                           | 2,800         | 6.7                           |
| Waterbury.....                           | 8,200         | 7.6                           | 7,400         | 6.9                           | 7,500         | 6.9                           |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,300         | 5.1                           | 1,200         | 4.9                           | 1,200         | 4.5                           |
| U.S.Total-Actual.....                    | 8,470,000     | 7.9                           | 8,024,000     | 7.5                           | 7,486,000     | 7.1                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (8.4)                         |               | (8.0)                         |               | (7.5)                         |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.

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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | Nov. '81 | Oct. '81 | Nov. '80 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 280.7    | 279.9    | 256.2    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | + 0.3    | + 9.6    |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Nov. '81 | Oct. '81   | Nov. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>November '81 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |            |              | Oct. '81                                | Nov. '80 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,520    | 8,480      | 8,730        | + 0.5                                   | - 2.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 3,050    | 3,040      | 3,230        | + 0.3                                   | - 5.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,470    | 5,440      | 5,500        | + 0.6                                   | - 0.5    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 174,760  | 173,970*   | 174,330      | + 0.4                                   | + 0.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 66,730   | 66,870*    | 64,860       | - 0.2                                   | + 2.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 108,030  | 107,100    | 109,470      | + 0.9                                   | - 1.3    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 23,640   | 23,620     | 23,710       | + 0.1                                   | - 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,850    | 9,860      | 10,290       | - 0.1                                   | - 4.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,790   | 13,760     | 13,420       | + 0.2                                   | + 2.8    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,760   | 66,470     | 65,690*      | + 0.4                                   | + 1.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,640   | 21,680     | 21,700*      | - 0.2                                   | - 0.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 45,120   | 44,790     | 43,990       | + 0.7                                   | + 2.6    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,990   | 20,210     | 19,830       | - 1.1                                   | + 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,070    | 9,280      | 8,980        | - 2.3                                   | + 1.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,920   | 10,930     | 10,850       | - 0.1                                   | + 0.6    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 403,260  | 401,720*   | 405,010*     | + 0.4                                   | - 0.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 94,650   | 94,820*    | 99,580*      | - 0.2                                   | - 5.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 308,610  | 306,900*   | 305,430      | + 0.6                                   | + 1.0    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,770*  | 21,720 (R) | 21,630       | + 0.2                                   | + 0.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,810    | 5,720 (R)  | 5,930        | + 1.6                                   | - 2.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,960*  | 16,000     | 15,700       | - 0.3                                   | + 1.7    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 46,670   | 46,630     | 47,430*      | + 0.1                                   | - 1.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 15,050   | 15,200     | 16,010       | - 1.0                                   | - 6.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 31,620   | 31,430     | 31,420*      | + 0.6                                   | + 0.6    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,560   | 66,530     | 65,230*      | + 0.1                                   | + 2.0    |
| Manufacturing             | 29,330   | 29,490     | 29,140*      | - 0.5                                   | + 0.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 37,230   | 37,040     | 36,090       | + 0.5                                   | + 3.2    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 194,220* | 193,970    | 195,700*     | + 0.1                                   | - 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 38,800*  | 38,900     | 41,870       | - 0.3                                   | - 7.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 155,420  | 155,070    | 153,830*     | + 0.2                                   | + 1.0    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 93,890*  | 93,800*    | 93,650       | + 0.1                                   | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,640   | 34,670*    | 35,420       | - 0.1                                   | - 2.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 59,250*  | 59,130*    | 58,230       | + 0.2                                   | + 1.8    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |            |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,210   | 64,160     | 63,120       | + 0.1                                   | + 1.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,620   | 21,640     | 20,910       | - 0.1                                   | + 3.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,590   | 42,520     | 42,210       | + 0.2                                   | + 0.9    |

# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Nov. '81 | Oct. '81 | Nov. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>November '81 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |          |              | Oct. '81                                | Nov. '80 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |          |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,850  | 111,350  | 109,670      | + 0.4                                   | + 2.0    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,110   | 31,000   | 31,730       | + 0.4                                   | - 2.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 80,740   | 80,350   | 77,940       | + 0.5                                   | + 3.6    |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |          |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,080   | 29,050   | 29,590       | + 0.1                                   | - 1.7    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,380   | 10,260   | 10,420       | + 1.2                                   | - 0.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,700   | 18,790   | 19,170       | - 0.5                                   | - 2.5    |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |          |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,480   | 89,160   | 88,750       | + 0.4                                   | + 0.8    |
| Manufacturing        | 33,180   | 33,220   | 32,890       | - 0.1                                   | + 0.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 56,300   | 55,940   | 55,860       | + 0.6                                   | + 0.8    |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |          |              |                                         |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,360   | 20,160   | 20,350       | + 1.0                                   | + 0.1    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,970    | 2,940    | 2,930        | + 1.0                                   | + 1.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,390   | 17,220   | 17,420       | + 1.0                                   | - 0.2    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - NOVEMBER 1981

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Nov.<br>1981            | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 | Nov.<br>1981         | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 | Nov.<br>1981            | Oct.<br>1981 | Nov.<br>1980 |
| Ansonia     | \$381.45                | 376.66       | 343.44       | 44.2                 | 43.9         | 42.4         | \$8.63                  | \$8.58       | \$8.10       |
| Bridgeport  | 344.16                  | 339.20       | 323.57       | 42.7                 | 42.4         | 42.8         | 8.06                    | 8.00         | 7.56         |
| Bristol     | 352.74                  | 357.29       | 333.66       | 39.5                 | 40.1         | 40.2         | 8.93                    | 8.91         | 8.30         |
| Danbury     | 315.19                  | 317.12       | 300.59       | 43.0                 | 43.5         | 44.4         | 7.33                    | 7.29         | 6.77         |
| Danielson   | 252.59                  | 254.39       | 236.37       | 37.2                 | 37.8         | 37.4         | 6.79                    | 6.73         | 6.32         |
| Hartford    | 342.37                  | 336.61       | 330.72       | 41.2                 | 40.9         | 42.4         | 8.31                    | 8.23         | 7.80         |
| Meriden     | 303.58                  | 288.40       | 252.85       | 43.0                 | 41.2         | 38.9         | 7.06                    | 7.00         | 6.50         |
| Middletown  | 337.79                  | 328.35       | 328.97       | 40.6                 | 39.8         | 41.8         | 8.32                    | 8.25         | 7.87         |
| New Britain | 331.06                  | 332.06       | 323.79       | 41.8                 | 42.3         | 43.0         | 7.92                    | 7.85         | 7.53         |
| New Haven   | 304.50                  | 300.60       | 282.91       | 39.7                 | 39.5         | 40.3         | 7.67                    | 7.61         | 7.02         |
| New London- | 332.11                  | 325.21       | 316.76       | 40.6                 | 40.1         | 41.9         | 8.18                    | 8.11         | 7.56         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 333.76                  | 321.90       | 313.15       | 44.8                 | 43.5         | 44.8         | 7.45                    | 7.40         | 6.99         |
| Stamford    | 299.88                  | 300.12       | 285.65       | 40.8                 | 41.0         | 41.1         | 7.35                    | 7.32         | 6.95         |
| Torrington  | 241.40                  | 235.42       | 230.11       | 40.3                 | 39.5         | 40.3         | 5.99                    | 5.96         | 5.71         |
| Waterbury   | 268.21                  | 273.19       | 259.36       | 41.2                 | 41.9         | 41.9         | 6.51                    | 6.52         | 6.19         |
| Willimantic | 263.92                  | 256.62       | 263.12       | 42.5                 | 42.0         | 44.0         | 6.21                    | 6.11         | 5.98         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.



## CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | New Hire Rate |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Manufacturing |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1409.8          | 1427.6     | 2.0           | 2.1        | 7301           | 5213       | 6.1          | 5.5        |
| Feb.... | 1405.9          | 1429.8     | 1.9           | 2.2        | 4513           | 4843       | 5.7          | 5.2        |
| Mar.... | 1418.1          | 1436.3     | 2.1           | 2.1        | 3752           | 4641       | 5.6          | 5.2        |
| Apr.... | 1427.6          | 1425.5     | 1.7           | 1.9        | 5179           | 5708       | 5.5          | 5.5        |
| May.... | 1435.9          | 1424.8     | 1.9           | 1.8        | 4807           | 6444       | 5.6          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1441.8          | 1416.5     | 2.1           | 1.6        | 6289           | 7154       | 6.4          | 6.3        |
| Jul.... | 1415.6          | 1424.9     | 1.1           | 1.2        | 9917           | 6382       | 6.8          | 6.5        |
| Aug.... | 1406.0          | 1420.6     | 1.5           | 1.3        | 6643           | 6956       | 6.4          | 6.4        |
| Sep.... | 1422.1          | 1417.6     | 1.8           | 1.4        | 4175           | 6639       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Oct.... | 1428.9          | 1421.7     | 1.6           | 1.5        | 4256           | 6129       | 5.5          | 6.1        |
| Nov.... | 1436.8          | 1424.1     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4464           | 5739       | 5.5          | 6.0        |
| Dec.... | 1443.6          | 1426.0     | 1.0           | 1.5        | 9094           | 5285       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| 1981    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1421.5          | 1438.8     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 7433           | 5305       | 7.1          | 5.9        |
| Feb.... | 1420.6          | 1445.2     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4533           | 4864       | 6.8          | 5.9        |
| Mar.... | 1428.6          | 1447.4     | 1.5           | 1.5        | 4055           | 5019       | 6.2          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1432.6          | 1429.7     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4644           | 5120       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| May.... | 1441.4          | 1430.0     | 1.7           | 1.5        | 3941           | 5282       | 5.3          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1450.6          | 1425.0     | 2.2           | 1.8        | 5786           | 6582       | 6.0          | 5.9        |
| Jul.... | 1427.9          | 1436.5     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 8374           | 5389       | 6.3          | 6.1        |
| Aug.... | 1419.3          | 1433.6     | 1.9           | 1.6        | 5877           | 6154       | 6.3          | 6.5        |
| Sep.... | 1432.3          | 1428.0     | 1.8           | 1.5        | 3896           | 6194       | 6.0          | 6.7        |
| Oct.... | 1431.9          | 1424.8     | 1.3           | 1.2        | 4729           | 6814       | 6.1          | 6.7        |
| Nov.... | 1432.3          | 1419.5     | 1.0 (P)       | 1.1 (P)    | 5751           | 7392       | 6.3          | 6.8        |
| Dec.... |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |

|         | <u>Personal Income</u><br><u>Millions</u> | <u>New Auto</u><br><u>Registrations</u> |             | <u>Average Work-</u><br><u>Week Hours</u> |             | <u>Mfg. Output</u><br><u>(1967=100)</u> |             |
|---------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
|         |                                           |                                         | Seas.       |                                           | Seas.       |                                         | Seas.       |
|         | <u>Seasonally Adj.</u>                    | <u>Actual</u>                           | <u>Adj.</u> | <u>Actual</u>                             | <u>Adj.</u> | <u>Actual</u>                           | <u>Adj.</u> |
| 1980    |                                           |                                         |             |                                           |             |                                         |             |
| Jan.... | 2672.8                                    | 8969                                    | 10175       | 42.6                                      | 42.4        | 121.1                                   | 116.6       |
| Feb.... | 2702.4                                    | 8265                                    | 10125       | 42.2                                      | 42.3        | 120.6                                   | 116.8       |
| Mar.... | 2706.0                                    | 13194                                   | 11325       | 42.2                                      | 42.1        | 121.9                                   | 116.9       |
| Apr.... | 2686.4                                    | 9931                                    | 10155       | 41.9                                      | 42.2        | 121.2                                   | 118.1       |
| May.... | 2696.9                                    | 9875                                    | 8903        | 41.8                                      | 42.0        | 120.0                                   | 116.8       |
| Jun.... | 2704.1                                    | 9868                                    | 8274        | 41.6                                      | 41.7        | 118.8                                   | 114.5       |
| Jul.... | 2747.7                                    | 9564                                    | 8646        | 41.3                                      | 41.6        | 100.5                                   | 113.1       |
| Aug.... | 2766.3                                    | 9916                                    | 8937        | 41.3                                      | 41.8        | 100.4                                   | 113.4       |
| Sep.... | 2786.4                                    | 9781                                    | 12069       | 41.3                                      | 41.4        | 116.2                                   | 114.2       |
| Oct.... | 2799.0                                    | 13032                                   | 12248       | 41.5                                      | 41.4        | 117.4                                   | 114.9       |
| Nov.... | 2810.3                                    | 8060                                    | 10056       | 42.0                                      | 41.6        | 120.2                                   | 116.1       |
| Dec.... | 2842.3                                    | 10979                                   | 11423       | 42.3                                      | 41.6        | 110.3                                   | 116.9       |
| 1981    |                                           |                                         |             |                                           |             |                                         |             |
| Jan.... | 2888.1                                    | 9052                                    | 10275       | 42.1                                      | 41.9        | 119.7                                   | 115.2       |
| Feb.... | 2900.4                                    | 7491                                    | 9180        | 41.8                                      | 41.9        | 117.1                                   | 113.4       |
| Mar.... | 2917.3                                    | 11387                                   | 9774        | 41.8                                      | 41.7        | 120.3                                   | 115.5       |
| Apr.... | 2890.5                                    | 12979                                   | 13271       | 41.5                                      | 41.8        | 119.3                                   | 116.2       |
| May.... | 2906.6                                    | 9161                                    | 8328        | 41.6                                      | 41.8        | 119.3                                   | 116.1       |
| Jun.... | 2923.3                                    | 9387                                    | 7868        | 41.8                                      | 41.9        | 121.4                                   | 117.0       |
| Jul.... | 2943.5                                    | 9219                                    | 8335        | 41.4                                      | 41.7        | 104.0                                   | 117.1       |
| Aug.... | 2966.9                                    | 9888                                    | 8908        | 41.3                                      | 41.8        | 104.7                                   | 118.3       |
| Sep.... | 2977.0                                    | 8120                                    | 10025       | 41.0                                      | 41.1        | 119.3                                   | 117.2       |
| Oct.... | 2987.1                                    | 8742                                    | 8216        | 41.3                                      | 41.2        | 119.2                                   | 116.6       |
| Nov.... | 3007.3                                    | 8694                                    | 10854       | 41.4                                      | 40.9        | 118.8                                   | 114.8       |
| Dec.... |                                           |                                         |             |                                           |             |                                         |             |

(R) Revised (P) Preliminary

## A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

The data presented on the following pages is taken from unpublished tabulations made available by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from state level summaries developed through the nationwide Current Population Survey. This data, which is furnished in the form of annual averages, represents for many small states like Connecticut the only current information available on labor force participation and unemployment by race and sex. It is expected that the Bureau will shortly publish this data for all states in a Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment - 1980.

Based on this data, and on average for the year, the Connecticut labor force grew by 35,000 persons between the years 1979 and 1980 with the greater part of the growth taking place in employment (20,000). The civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over increased by 28,000 and the statewide labor force participation rate increased to 67.7 percent of the working age population, up from 67.0 percent in 1979. Unemployment in Connecticut rose by 14,000 as compared with a rise of 2,000 from 1978 to 1979, but because of the increase in the labor force the unemployment rate increased by only eight tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent of the civilian labor force.

An analysis of occupational distribution in Connecticut reveals that almost sixty percent of the state's workers held white collar jobs and the largest single occupational category was that of professional and technical workers employing 20.2 percent of the working labor force. Slightly less than half of the blue collar workers held highly skilled jobs as craft and kindred workers, while a somewhat lesser proportion were classed as operatives.

The largest number of working women was still employed in clerical occupations (34.4 percent) but employment of women in the managers and administrators category grew from 5.1 percent to 6.5 percent from 1979 to 1980. This compares with the male rate in the same category of 17.1 percent in 1980 which grew by 1.7 percentage points over the year.

Some progress was made by black workers in moving up the occupational ladder to higher paying jobs. In 1979, 16.7 percent of the black workforce was employed in professional and technical work; in 1980 17.4 percent held these jobs. In the managers and administrators category, however, their numbers actually declined by one percentage point during the year to 5.2 percent.

The employment situation among the state's youth continued relatively bleak. Even with 4,000 fewer participants in the labor force in 1980 in the 16-19 age cohort, that group's unemployment rate rose from 14.9 percent of the labor force in 1979 to 17.5 percent in 1980. An estimated 7,000 fewer youths were at work in 1980 than one year earlier.

Overall unemployment in Connecticut moved upward from 5.1 percent of the labor force in 1979 to 5.9 percent in 1980. Blacks in each age and sex cohort had significantly higher rates of unemployment than their white counterparts, with only one group, black women, 20 years and over, recording an unemployment rate approaching that of their white counterparts. A positive aspect of the 1980 statistics, however, is that all reported age cohorts of black workers posted decreases of at least three percentage points in their unemployment rates from 1979 while rates for the total population consistently rose. These data for the black population should be reviewed with some caution, however, due to the small size of some of the sampling subgroups. Sample size is also the chief reason these data are only published yearly as annual averages.

TABLE I  
CONNECTICUT  
LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION  
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE  
1979-1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES  
(Numbers in Thousands)

|                           | Civilian Noninstitutional Population (16 years and over) |       | Civilian Labor Force Participation |       |      |      | Employment |       | Unemployment |      |      |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------------|-------|--------------|------|------|------|
|                           |                                                          |       | Number                             |       | Rate |      | Number     |       | Number       |      | Rate |      |
|                           | 1980                                                     | 1979  | 1980                               | 1979  | 1980 | 1979 | 1980       | 1979  | 1980         | 1979 | 1980 | 1979 |
| TOTAL                     | 2,386                                                    | 2,358 | 1,616                              | 1,581 | 67.7 | 67.0 | 1,520      | 1,500 | 95           | 81   | 5.9  | 5.1  |
| Men                       | 1,116                                                    | 1,113 | 905                                | 887   | 81.1 | 79.7 | 858        | 848   | 47           | 39   | 5.2  | 4.3  |
| Women                     | 1,270                                                    | 1,245 | 711                                | 694   | 56.0 | 55.7 | 662        | 652   | 49           | 42   | 6.8  | 6.1  |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 1,014                                                    | 990   | 836                                | 807   | 82.4 | 81.5 | 799        | 779   | 36           | 27   | 4.4  | 3.3  |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,136                                                    | 1,129 | 630                                | 621   | 55.5 | 55.0 | 597        | 589   | 37           | 31   | 5.2  | 5.0  |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | 236                                                      | 239   | 150                                | 154   | 63.5 | 64.4 | 124        | 131   | 26           | 23   | 17.5 | 14.9 |
| WHITE                     | 2,238                                                    | 2,210 | 1,511                              | 1,476 | 67.5 | 66.8 | 1,427      | 1,411 | 84           | 66   | 5.5  | 4.5  |
| Men                       | 1,050                                                    | 1,051 | 853                                | 838   | 81.2 | 79.7 | 812        | 807   | 41           | 31   | 4.7  | 3.7  |
| Women                     | 1,188                                                    | 1,159 | 658                                | 638   | 55.4 | 55.0 | 615        | 603   | 43           | 35   | 6.5  | 5.4  |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 956                                                      | 942   | 788                                | 765   | 82.5 | 81.2 | 756        | 743   | 32           | 22   | 4.1  | 2.9  |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,067                                                    | 1,053 | 583                                | 569   | 54.6 | 54.0 | 553        | 543   | 30           | 25   | 5.1  | 4.4  |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | 215                                                      | 215   | 140                                | 143   | 65.0 | 66.5 | 118        | 124   | 22           | 19   | 15.5 | 13.3 |
| BLACK AND OTHER           | 148                                                      | 148   | 105                                | 104   | 70.7 | 70.3 | 93         | 89    | 12           | 15   | 11.3 | 14.3 |
| Men                       | 66                                                       | 62    | 52                                 | 48    | 78.4 | 77.4 | 45         | 41    | 6            | 7    | 12.3 | 15.3 |
| Women                     | 82                                                       | 86    | 53                                 | 56    | 64.5 | 65.1 | 47         | 48    | 5            | 7    | 10.4 | 13.4 |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 58                                                       | INA   | 48                                 | INA   | 81.9 | INA  | 43         | INA   | 4            | INA  | 8.9  | INA  |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 69                                                       | 76    | 47                                 | 52    | 68.2 | 68.4 | 44         | 46    | 3            | 6    | 6.5  | 11.5 |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | INA                                                      | INA   | INA                                | INA   | INA  | INA  | INA        | INA   | INA          | INA  | INA  | INA  |

INA - Information not available. Data are not shown when they do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics' standards of reliability.

Items may not add to totals because of rounding.

Source: Data for 1979 were taken from the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment; States 1979, BLS Report 619 and 1980 data were taken from draft tables from the 1980 Geographic Profile tables 1, 4, and 5.

TABLE II  
CONNECTICUT  
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE EXPERIENCED LABOR FORCE  
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE  
1980 ANNUAL AVERAGES

|                              | Number Employed (in 000's) | Number Unemployed (in 000's) | Unemployment Rate | -----Percent Distribution of the Employed----- |       |       |       |        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                              |                            |                              |                   | Total                                          | White | Black | Male  | Female |
| TOTAL                        | 1,520                      | 82                           | 5.1               | 100.0                                          | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  |
| White-Collar Workers - Total | 888                        | 30                           | 3.3               | 58.4                                           | 59.3  | 44.0  | 51.2  | 67.8   |
| Professional and Technical   | 307                        | 7                            | 2.2               | 20.2                                           | 20.3  | 17.4  | 20.8  | 19.3   |
| Managers and Administrators  | 190                        | 3                            | 1.5               | 12.5                                           | 13.0  | 5.2   | 17.1  | 6.5    |
| Sales Workers                | 108                        | 6                            | 5.3               | 7.1                                            | 7.4   | 2.9   | 6.7   | 7.6    |
| Clerical Workers             | 283                        | 13                           | 4.4               | 18.6                                           | 18.6  | 18.5  | 6.5   | 34.4   |
| Blue-Collar Workers - Total  | 450                        | 35                           | 7.2               | 29.6                                           | 29.3  | 34.0  | 40.0  | 16.1   |
| Craft and Kindred Workers    | 208                        | 12                           | 5.5               | 13.7                                           | 13.8  | 12.5  | 22.5  | 2.3    |
| Operatives                   | 161                        | 14                           | 8.0               | 10.6                                           | 10.2  | 16.3  | 9.2   | 12.5   |
| Transp. Equip. Operatives    | 36                         | INA                          | INA               | 2.4                                            | 2.3   | 3.4   | 3.7   | 0.6    |
| Nonfarm Laborers             | 44                         | 8                            | 15.4              | 2.9                                            | 3.0   | 1.8   | 4.6   | 0.8    |
| Service Workers              | 178                        | 15                           | 7.8               | 11.7                                           | 11.1  | 22.0  | 8.4   | 16.0   |
| Farm Workers                 | INA                        | INA                          | INA               | INA                                            | INA   | INA   | INA   | INA    |

INA - Information not available. Data are not shown when they do not meet the Bureau of Labor Statistics' standards of reliability.

Items may not add to totals because of rounding.

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Connecticut ended 1981 with slightly higher employment, a seasonal drop in unemployment and record high personal income and weekly wages, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased (page 2) by 2,700 to 1,435,000 in December, the third highest monthly total for the year. The loss of an estimated 1,500 jobs in metallic manufacturing, largely in machinery and fabricated metals industries, was offset by a seasonal increase of 6,100 in wholesale and retail trade and restaurants, and 500 in the finance and real estate category.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers reached an all-time high of \$331.52 (page 3). This compared with \$325.40 in November and \$314.71 in December 1980. The workweek was up marginally from November to 41.7 hours and hourly pay rose from \$7.86 to \$7.95 last month. The year earlier it was \$7.44. Straight-time, 40-hour earnings for December were \$7.62 an hour or \$304.80 weekly, an increase from November's \$7.55 and \$302 and 7.3 percent above the \$7.18 hourly and \$287.20 weekly pay of December 1980.

Unemployment: December's statewide unemployment was estimated at 106,600 or 6.6 percent of the labor force, up from 6.3 percent and 101,900 in November and 5.8 and 94,000 in 1980 (page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate declined one-tenth of one percent to 6.7. Both the actual and seasonally adjusted Connecticut rates in December remained well below the respective national figures of 8.3 and 8.9 percent. Unemployment increased in eight labor market areas, dropped in five and remained unchanged in three areas (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimates were those people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary seasonal closings.

Other Indicators: Other seasonally adjusted economic indicators (page 7) were mixed in December with lower new filings for benefits and the new hire rate for manufacturing remaining stable. The manufacturing output index dropped for the fourth consecutive month and personal income of state residents increased to a new record high level.

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Attached is a table detailing average weekly earnings of all workers in Connecticut who were covered by state and federal unemployment compensation laws for various 1980 and 1981 calendar quarters.



# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

|                             | December 1981 |              |                  | % Change                     |                              |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                             | Dec.<br>1981  | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec. (R)<br>1980 | Dec. '81<br>over<br>Nov. '81 | Dec. '81<br>over<br>Dec. '80 |
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,435,000     | 1,432,300*   | 1,443,600*       | + 0.2                        | - 0.6                        |
| Manufacturing.....          | 428,800       | 430,400      | 440,800*         | - 0.4                        | - 2.7                        |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 310,300       | 311,800      | 322,700*         | - 0.5                        | - 3.8                        |
| Primary Metals.....         | 19,900        | 20,100       | 20,700*          | - 1.0                        | - 3.9                        |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 64,600        | 64,400       | 65,400           | - 0.6                        | - 2.1                        |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 57,800        | 58,500       | 61,800           | - 1.2                        | - 6.5                        |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 51,800        | 51,900       | 50,600           | - 0.2                        | + 2.4                        |
| Transportation Equip....    | 81,800        | 81,700       | 88,800           | + 0.1                        | - 7.9                        |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 27,100        | 27,300       | 27,000           | - 0.7                        | + 0.4                        |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,900         | 7,900        | 8,400            | 0.0                          | - 6.0                        |
| Nonmetallic Mfg.....        | 118,500*      | 118,600      | 118,100*         | - 0.1                        | + 0.3                        |
| Food.....                   | 12,400        | 12,300       | 12,600           | + 0.8                        | - 1.6                        |
| Textiles.....               | 8,100         | 8,100        | 8,000            | 0.0                          | + 1.2                        |
| Apparel.....                | 11,900        | 11,800       | 11,100           | + 0.8                        | + 7.2                        |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,400         | 6,400        | 6,900            | 0.0                          | - 7.2                        |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800         | 9,900        | 9,600            | - 1.0                        | + 2.1                        |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 24,600        | 24,700       | 24,300           | - 0.4                        | + 1.2                        |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,100        | 19,200       | 18,400           | - 0.5                        | + 3.8                        |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 12,700        | 12,800       | 14,000*          | - 0.8                        | - 9.3                        |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 13,500        | 13,400       | 13,200           | + 0.8                        | + 2.3                        |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,006,200     | 1,001,900*   | 1,002,800*       | + 0.4                        | + 0.3                        |
| Construction.....           | 49,800        | 52,100       | 49,100           | - 4.4                        | + 1.4                        |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 31,100        | 30,900       | 32,500           | + 0.6                        | - 4.3                        |
| Communications.....         | 18,400        | 18,400       | 18,200           | 0.0                          | + 1.1                        |
| Utilities.....              | 11,200        | 11,300       | 10,900           | - 0.9                        | + 2.8                        |
| Trade.....                  | 308,100       | 302,000      | 309,700*         | + 2.0                        | - 0.5                        |
| Wholesale.....              | 75,900        | 75,400       | 75,300*          | + 0.7                        | + 0.8                        |
| Retail.....                 | 165,300       | 159,900      | 168,800          | + 3.4                        | - 2.1                        |
| Restaurants.....            | 66,900        | 66,700       | 65,600           | + 0.3                        | + 2.0                        |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 48,400        | 47,900       | 45,100           | + 1.0                        | + 7.3                        |
| Insurance.....              | 62,800        | 62,500       | 60,700           | + 0.5                        | + 3.5                        |
| Service.....                | 299,300       | 299,400      | 291,600*         | 0.0**                        | + 2.6                        |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,600         | 5,500        | 6,000            | + 1.8                        | - 6.7                        |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.     | 14,200        | 14,100       | 14,100           | + 0.7                        | + 0.7                        |
| Business Services.....      | 62,300        | 62,000       | 57,700           | + 0.5                        | + 8.0                        |
| Health Services.....        | 99,700        | 99,800*      | 96,100*          | - 0.1                        | + 3.8                        |
| Law & Professional.....     | 21,000        | 20,800       | 20,300           | + 1.0                        | + 3.4                        |
| Educational Services...     | 30,100        | 30,100 (R)   | 30,400           | 0.0                          | - 1.0                        |
| Other Services.....         | 66,400        | 67,100 (R)   | 67,000           | - 1.0                        | - 0.9                        |
| Government.....             | 177,100       | 177,400      | 185,000          | - 0.2                        | - 4.3                        |
| Federal.....                | 21,800        | 21,600       | 21,800           | + 0.9                        | 0.0                          |
| State & Local.....          | 155,300       | 155,800      | 163,200          | - 0.3                        | - 4.8                        |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

\*\* Less than 0.05 percent

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - DECEMBER 1981  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                | Dec.<br>1981            | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 | Dec.<br>1981         | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 | Dec.<br>1981            | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$331.52                | \$325.40     | \$314.71     | 41.7                 | 41.4         | 42.3         | \$7.95                  | \$7.86       | \$7.44       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 345.62                  | 338.16       | 327.08       | 42.2                 | 41.8         | 42.7         | 8.19                    | 8.09         | 7.66         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 373.25                  | 373.68       | 354.53       | 43.3                 | 43.1         | 43.5         | 8.62                    | 8.67         | 8.15         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 306.39                  | 304.72       | 292.50       | 41.8                 | 41.8         | 42.7         | 7.33                    | 7.29         | 6.85         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 374.09                  | 369.80       | 356.53       | 43.6                 | 42.9         | 43.8         | 8.58                    | 8.62         | 8.14         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 272.28                  | 271.32       | 250.10       | 40.7                 | 40.8         | 40.8         | 6.69                    | 6.65         | 6.13         |
| Transportation Equipment...                    | 418.67                  | 397.55       | 394.62       | 41.7                 | 40.9         | 42.8         | 10.04                   | 9.72         | 9.22         |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                      | 324.25                  | 315.49       | 299.78       | 43.7                 | 43.1         | 43.7         | 7.42                    | 7.32         | 6.86         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 289.68                  | 279.89       | 264.55       | 42.6                 | 41.9         | 41.4         | 6.80                    | 6.68         | 6.39         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                   | 294.52                  | 289.52       | 280.44       | 40.4                 | 40.1         | 41.0         | 7.29                    | 7.22         | 6.84         |
| Food.....                                      | 308.10                  | 301.25       | 301.70       | 41.3                 | 40.6         | 41.5         | 7.46                    | 7.42         | 7.27         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 237.55                  | 235.98       | 230.83       | 39.2                 | 39.2         | 41.0         | 6.06                    | 6.02         | 5.63         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 183.02                  | 186.32       | 170.64       | 35.4                 | 35.9         | 36.0         | 5.17                    | 5.19         | 4.74         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 240.60                  | 239.00       | 227.93       | 40.1                 | 39.9         | 40.2         | 6.00                    | 5.99         | 5.67         |
| Paper.....                                     | 377.92                  | 366.57       | 361.37       | 46.2                 | 45.2         | 47.3         | 8.18                    | 8.11         | 7.64         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 303.62                  | 292.56       | 281.94       | 38.0                 | 36.8         | 38.1         | 7.99                    | 7.95         | 7.40         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 375.11                  | 363.96       | 346.46       | 42.1                 | 41.5         | 42.2         | 8.91                    | 8.77         | 8.21         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                    | 277.98                  | 276.34       | 283.56       | 40.7                 | 41.0         | 41.7         | 6.83                    | 6.74         | 6.80         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 315.00                  | 315.14       | 292.72       | 42.0                 | 42.3         | 42.3         | 7.50                    | 7.45         | 6.92         |
| Construction.....                              | 472.63                  | 463.51       | 465.70       | 37.6                 | 37.2         | 39.3         | 12.57                   | 12.46        | 11.85        |

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# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Dec. 1981     | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Nov. 1981     | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Dec.1980(R)   | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 106,600       | 6.6                           | 101,900       | 6.3                           | 94,000        | 5.8                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (6.7)                         |               | (6.8)                         |               | (6.0)                         |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                               |               |                               |               |                               |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,300         | 7.6                           | 1,300         | 8.1                           | 1,600         | 9.4                           |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 13,000        | 6.5                           | 12,200        | 6.2                           | 11,000        | 5.5                           |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,800         | 10.2                          | 3,400         | 9.4                           | 3,300         | 8.9                           |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,600         | 6.0                           | 5,300         | 5.7                           | 4,700         | 5.2                           |
| Danielson.....                           | 2,900         | 10.3                          | 3,100         | 10.6                          | 2,900         | 10.1                          |
| Hartford.....                            | 24,800        | 6.3                           | 23,400        | 6.0                           | 21,300        | 5.4                           |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,700         | 9.9                           | 2,800         | 10.3                          | 2,200         | 8.2                           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,600         | 6.0                           | 3,600         | 6.0                           | 3,000         | 4.9                           |
| New Britain.....                         | 6,700         | 8.4                           | 5,700         | 7.2                           | 4,400         | 5.6                           |
| New Haven.....                           | 13,200        | 6.4                           | 13,400        | 6.6                           | 13,000        | 6.2                           |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,300         | 5.8                           | 6,500         | 6.2                           | 5,900         | 5.5                           |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,600         | 4.6                           | 3,700         | 4.9                           | 3,500         | 4.5                           |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,900         | 4.0                           | 4,700         | 3.9                           | 4,900         | 4.0                           |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,300         | 10.4                          | 3,300         | 8.1                           | 3,200         | 7.7                           |
| Waterbury.....                           | 8,600         | 7.8                           | 8,200         | 7.6                           | 8,000         | 7.3                           |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,300         | 5.0                           | 1,300         | 5.1                           | 1,100         | 4.3                           |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 8,807,000     | 8.3                           | 8,470,000     | 7.9                           | 7,233,000     | 6.9                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted                      |               | (8.9)                         |               | (8.4)                         |               | (7.2)                         |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | <u>Dec. '81</u> | <u>Nov. '81</u> | <u>Dec. '80</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All Items.....          | 281.5           | 280.7           | 258.4           |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx             | + 0.3           | + 8.9           |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Dec. '81 | Nov. '81 | Dec. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>December 1981 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |          |              | Nov. '81                                 | Dec. '80 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,510    | 8,520    | 8,710        | - 0.1                                    | - 2.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 3,000    | 3,050    | 3,190        | - 1.6                                    | - 6.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,510    | 5,470    | 5,520        | + 0.7                                    | - 0.2    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 175,390  | 174,760  | 174,910      | + 0.4                                    | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 66,720   | 66,730   | 65,180       | - 0.1                                    | + 2.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 108,670  | 108,030  | 109,730      | + 0.6                                    | - 1.0    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 23,480   | 23,640   | 23,760       | - 0.7                                    | - 1.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,580    | 9,850    | 10,330       | - 2.7                                    | - 7.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,900   | 13,790   | 13,430       | + 0.8                                    | + 3.5    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,900   | 66,760   | 65,900       | + 0.2                                    | + 1.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,600   | 21,640   | 21,840       | - 0.2                                    | - 1.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 45,300   | 45,120   | 44,060       | + 0.4                                    | + 2.8    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,650   | 19,990   | 19,910       | - 1.7                                    | - 1.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,910    | 9,070    | 9,060        | - 1.8                                    | - 1.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,740   | 10,920   | 10,850       | - 1.6                                    | - 1.0    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 404,090  | 403,260  | 406,750*     | + 0.2                                    | - 0.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 94,350   | 94,650   | 99,410       | - 0.3                                    | - 5.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 309,740  | 308,610  | 307,340*     | + 0.4                                    | + 0.8    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,130   | 21,770*  | 21,690*      | + 1.7                                    | + 2.0    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,740    | 5,810    | 5,830*       | - 1.2                                    | - 1.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,390   | 15,960*  | 15,860       | + 2.7                                    | + 3.3    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 46,970   | 46,670   | 47,820*      | + 0.6                                    | - 1.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 15,170   | 15,050   | 16,180       | + 0.8                                    | - 6.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 31,800   | 31,620   | 31,640*      | + 0.6                                    | + 0.5    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 66,410   | 66,560   | 66,120*      | - 0.2                                    | + 0.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 29,070   | 29,330   | 30,020*      | - 0.9                                    | - 3.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 37,340   | 37,230   | 36,100       | + 0.3                                    | + 3.4    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 195,050* | 194,220* | 196,260      | + 0.4                                    | - 0.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 38,700*  | 38,800*  | 42,130       | - 0.3                                    | - 8.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 156,350  | 155,420  | 154,130      | + 0.6                                    | + 1.4    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 94,810*  | 93,890*  | 93,580*      | + 1.0                                    | + 1.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,780   | 34,640   | 35,690       | + 0.4                                    | - 2.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 60,030*  | 59,250*  | 57,890*      | + 1.3                                    | + 3.7    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,470   | 64,210   | 63,530       | + 0.4                                    | + 1.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,540   | 21,620   | 21,050       | - 0.4                                    | + 2.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,930   | 42,590   | 42,480       | + 0.8                                    | + 1.1    |



AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Dec. '81 | Nov. '81 | Dec. '80 (R) | Percent Change to<br>December 1981 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |          |              | Nov. '81                                 | Dec. '80 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 112,820  | 111,850  | 110,850      | + 0.9                                    | + 1.8    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,160   | 31,110   | 31,740       | + 0.2                                    | - 1.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 81,660   | 80,740   | 79,110       | + 1.1                                    | + 3.2    |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,100   | 29,080   | 29,710       | + 0.1                                    | - 2.1    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,340   | 10,380   | 10,440       | - 0.4                                    | - 1.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,760   | 18,700   | 19,270       | + 0.3                                    | - 2.6    |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,430   | 89,480   | 88,290*      | - 0.1                                    | + 1.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 32,910   | 33,180   | 32,920       | - 0.8                                    | - 0.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 56,520   | 56,300   | 55,370*      | + 0.4                                    | + 2.1    |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |          |              |                                          |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,250   | 20,360   | 20,280       | - 0.5                                    | - 0.1    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,930    | 2,970    | 2,910        | - 1.3                                    | + 0.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,320   | 17,390   | 17,370       | - 0.4                                    | - 0.3    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - DECEMBER 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|                        | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                        | Dec.<br>1981            | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 | Dec.<br>1981         | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 | Dec.<br>1981            | Nov.<br>1981 | Dec.<br>1980 |
| Ansonia                | \$386.30                | 381.45       | 339.04       | 44.3                 | 44.2         | 41.6         | \$8.72                  | \$8.63       | \$8.15       |
| Bridgeport             | 342.98                  | 344.16       | 330.81       | 42.5                 | 42.7         | 43.3         | 8.07                    | 8.06         | 7.64         |
| Bristol                | 348.49                  | 352.74       | 342.31       | 39.2                 | 39.5         | 40.8         | 8.89                    | 8.93         | 8.39         |
| Danbury                | 319.12                  | 315.19       | 308.48       | 43.3                 | 43.0         | 45.1         | 7.37                    | 7.33         | 6.84         |
| Danielson              | 254.82                  | 252.59       | 240.41       | 37.2                 | 37.2         | 37.8         | 6.85                    | 6.79         | 6.36         |
| Hartford               | 352.80                  | 342.37       | 343.57       | 41.9                 | 41.2         | 43.0         | 8.42                    | 8.31         | 7.99         |
| Meriden                | 314.92                  | 303.58       | 270.52       | 43.8                 | 43.0         | 41.3         | 7.19                    | 7.06         | 6.55         |
| Middletown             | 353.22                  | 337.79       | 333.48       | 42.0                 | 40.6         | 42.0         | 8.41                    | 8.32         | 7.94         |
| New Britain            | 331.23                  | 331.06       | 324.94       | 41.3                 | 41.8         | 42.2         | 8.02                    | 7.92         | 7.70         |
| New Haven              | 308.43                  | 304.50       | 297.23       | 39.9                 | 39.7         | 42.1         | 7.73                    | 7.67         | 7.06         |
| New London-<br>Norwich | 341.55                  | 332.11       | 308.39       | 41.4                 | 40.6         | 40.9         | 8.25                    | 8.18         | 7.54         |
| Norwalk                | 333.75                  | 333.76       | 317.44       | 44.5                 | 44.8         | 44.9         | 7.50                    | 7.45         | 7.07         |
| Stamford               | 304.47                  | 299.88       | 287.99       | 41.2                 | 40.8         | 41.2         | 7.39                    | 7.35         | 6.99         |
| Torrington             | 248.24                  | 241.40       | 234.43       | 41.1                 | 40.3         | 40.7         | 6.04                    | 5.99         | 5.76         |
| Waterbury              | 271.17                  | 268.21       | 269.44       | 41.4                 | 41.2         | 42.7         | 6.55                    | 6.51         | 6.31         |
| Willimantic            | 252.34                  | 263.92       | 262.47       | 40.7                 | 42.5         | 43.6         | 6.20                    | 6.21         | 6.02         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

## CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | New Hire Rate |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Manufacturing |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1409.8          | 1427.6     | 2.0           | 2.1        | 7301           | 5213       | 6.1          | 5.5        |
| Feb.... | 1405.9          | 1429.8     | 1.9           | 2.2        | 4513           | 4843       | 5.7          | 5.2        |
| Mar.... | 1418.1          | 1436.3     | 2.1           | 2.1        | 3752           | 4641       | 5.6          | 5.2        |
| Apr.... | 1427.6          | 1425.5     | 1.7           | 1.9        | 5179           | 5708       | 5.5          | 5.5        |
| May.... | 1435.9          | 1424.8     | 1.9           | 1.8        | 4807           | 6444       | 5.6          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1441.8          | 1416.5     | 2.1           | 1.6        | 6289           | 7154       | 6.4          | 6.3        |
| Jul.... | 1415.6          | 1424.9     | 1.1           | 1.2        | 9917           | 6382       | 6.8          | 6.5        |
| Aug.... | 1406.0          | 1420.6     | 1.5           | 1.3        | 6643           | 6956       | 6.4          | 6.4        |
| Sep.... | 1422.1          | 1417.6     | 1.8           | 1.4        | 4175           | 6639       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Oct.... | 1428.9          | 1421.7     | 1.6           | 1.5        | 4256           | 6129       | 5.5          | 6.1        |
| Nov.... | 1436.8          | 1424.1     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4464           | 5739       | 5.5          | 6.0        |
| Dec.... | 1443.6          | 1426.0     | 1.0           | 1.5        | 9094           | 5285       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| 1981    |                 |            |               |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1421.5          | 1438.8     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 7433           | 5305       | 7.1          | 5.9        |
| Feb.... | 1420.6          | 1445.2     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4533           | 4864       | 6.8          | 5.9        |
| Mar.... | 1428.6          | 1447.4     | 1.5           | 1.5        | 4055           | 5019       | 6.2          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1432.6          | 1429.7     | 1.4           | 1.6        | 4644           | 5120       | 5.8          | 6.0        |
| May.... | 1441.4          | 1430.0     | 1.7           | 1.5        | 3941           | 5282       | 5.3          | 5.8        |
| Jun.... | 1450.6          | 1425.0     | 2.2           | 1.8        | 5786           | 6582       | 6.0          | 5.9        |
| Jul.... | 1427.9          | 1436.5     | 1.4           | 1.5        | 8374           | 5389       | 6.3          | 6.1        |
| Aug.... | 1419.3          | 1433.6     | 1.9           | 1.6        | 5877           | 6154       | 6.3          | 6.5        |
| Sep.... | 1432.3          | 1428.0     | 1.8           | 1.5        | 3896           | 6194       | 6.0          | 6.7        |
| Oct.... | 1431.9          | 1424.8     | 1.3           | 1.2        | 4729           | 6814       | 6.1          | 6.7        |
| Nov.... | 1432.3          | 1419.5     | 1.0           | 1.1        | 5751           | 7392       | 6.3          | 6.8        |
| Dec.... | 1435.0          | 1418.0     | 0.7 (P)       | 1.1 (P)    | 10279          | 5973       | 6.6          | 6.7        |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions        | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1980    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 2672.8          | 8969          | 10175      | 42.6          | 42.4       | 121.1       | 116.6      |
| Feb.... | 2702.4          | 8265          | 10125      | 42.2          | 42.3       | 120.6       | 116.8      |
| Mar.... | 2706.0          | 13194         | 11325      | 42.2          | 42.1       | 121.9       | 116.9      |
| Apr.... | 2686.4          | 9931          | 10155      | 41.9          | 42.2       | 121.2       | 118.1      |
| May.... | 2696.9          | 9875          | 8903       | 41.8          | 42.0       | 120.0       | 116.8      |
| Jun.... | 2704.1          | 9868          | 8274       | 41.6          | 41.7       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Jul.... | 2747.7          | 9564          | 8646       | 41.3          | 41.6       | 100.5       | 113.1      |
| Aug.... | 2766.3          | 9916          | 8937       | 41.3          | 41.8       | 100.4       | 113.4      |
| Sep.... | 2786.4          | 9781          | 12069      | 41.3          | 41.4       | 116.2       | 114.2      |
| Oct.... | 2799.0          | 13032         | 12248      | 41.5          | 41.4       | 117.4       | 114.9      |
| Nov.... | 2810.3          | 8060          | 10056      | 42.0          | 41.6       | 120.2       | 116.1      |
| Dec.... | 2842.3          | 10979         | 11423      | 42.3          | 41.6       | 110.3       | 116.9      |
| 1981    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 2888.1          | 9052          | 10275      | 42.1          | 41.9       | 119.7       | 115.2      |
| Feb.... | 2900.4          | 7491          | 9180       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 117.1       | 113.4      |
| Mar.... | 2917.3          | 11387         | 9774       | 41.8          | 41.7       | 120.3       | 115.5      |
| Apr.... | 2890.5          | 12979         | 13271      | 41.5          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.2      |
| May.... | 2906.6          | 9161          | 8328       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... | 2923.3          | 9387          | 7868       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.0      |
| Jul.... | 2943.5          | 9219          | 8335       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.1      |
| Aug.... | 2966.9          | 9888          | 8908       | 41.3          | 41.8       | 104.7       | 118.3      |
| Sep.... | 2977.0          | 8120          | 10025      | 41.0          | 41.1       | 119.3       | 117.2      |
| Oct.... | 2987.1          | 8742          | 8216       | 41.3          | 41.2       | 119.2       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... | 3007.3          | 8694          | 10854      | 41.4          | 40.9       | 118.8       | 114.8      |
| Dec.... | 3024.8          | 8501          | 8846       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 113.3      |

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS  
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

1ST QUARTER 1981, 4TH QUARTER 1980, 3RD QUARTER 1980, 2ND QUARTER 1980

| I N D U S T R Y                | 1st Qtr.<br>1981 | 4th Qtr.<br>1980 | 3rd Qtr.<br>1980 | 2nd Qtr.<br>1980 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total.....                     | \$306.45         | \$309.23         | \$280.81         | \$280.36         |
| Total Manufacturing.....       | 383.49           | 386.75           | 349.90           | 347.99           |
| Total Nonmanufacturing.....    | 270.97           | 274.77           | 250.38           | 249.63           |
| Construction.....              | 393.51           | 396.65           | 356.12           | 345.29           |
| Transportation.....            | 312.27           | 325.73           | 307.46           | 287.35           |
| Communication & Utilities..... | 419.50           | 461.03           | 406.83           | 396.87           |
| Trade.....                     | 225.87           | 230.03           | 212.42           | 207.78           |
| Wholesale.....                 | 400.54           | 413.03           | 370.57           | 365.43           |
| Retail.....                    | 188.07           | 196.17           | 186.03           | 181.83           |
| Restaurants.....               | 106.52           | 107.49           | 102.02           | 99.28            |
| Finance & Real Estate.....     | 309.02           | 304.09           | 276.64           | 257.87           |
| Insurance.....                 | 375.31           | 347.41           | 333.40           | 327.75           |
| Service.....                   | 241.74           | 247.71           | 228.65           | 225.27           |
| Hotels.....                    | 141.69           | 153.49           | 138.59           | 142.11           |
| Laundries & Personel Services. | 154.82           | 164.77           | 151.51           | 152.41           |
| Business Services.....         | 262.16           | 273.81           | 240.95           | 238.52           |
| Auto Repair, Service & Garages | 229.35           | 245.84           | 227.71           | 218.99           |
| Health Services.....           | 253.68           | 256.41           | 247.14           | 241.70           |
| Educational Services.....      | 239.34           | 248.50           | 251.47           | 229.58           |
| Government.....                | 285.09           | 288.32           | 255.44           | 275.68           |

# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Employment in Connecticut declined in January primarily because of seasonal cutbacks in construction, trade and transportation and the unemployment rate also increased, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Both indicators, however, showed slight improvement from December when seasonally adjusted.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Employment in nonfarm categories dropped by two percent from 1,447,100 in December to 1,417,700 which was about 700 below January of 1981 (page 2). Seasonal cutbacks in construction (15.3 percent) and post-holiday reductions in retail trade (4.7 percent), hotels and restaurants accounted for most of the monthly decrease. Each of the labor market areas recorded lower monthly employment (pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of production workers increased by five cents to a record high of \$8 an hour, up 52-cents from \$7.48 paid in January last year (page 3). A seasonal reduction in the workweek from 41.7 in December to 40.9 hours accounted for a \$4.32 drop in average weekly earnings to \$327.20. Highest weekly wages were earned in the Ansonia, Hartford, Bristol and Middletown areas (page 6). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, statewide hourly wages rose 11-cents to \$7.73 in January or \$309.20 per week, 8.1 percent higher than \$7.15 an hour and \$286 weekly a year ago.

Unemployment: Seasonal factory closings and post-holiday layoffs in non-manufacturing contributed to January's higher unemployment of 123,900 or 7.7 percent rate which compared with a revised December figure of 102,600 or 6.4 percent (page 4). However, the state's seasonally adjusted January rate of 6.5 percent remained well below the national estimate of 8.5 percent. Bristol had the highest rate, followed by Ansonia, Danielson, Torrington and Meriden and the lowest unemployment rates were in Stamford, Willimantic and Norwalk. The unemployment estimate includes people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, those entering or re-entering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary closings.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators (page 7) were mixed in January with employment edging upward, unemployment declining by one-tenth of one percent, manufacturing output down less than half of a percent and fewer new car registrations.

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Note: The series on personal income of state residents is being revised and will be resumed with February data. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has discontinued funding for measuring the new hire rate in manufacturing - an indicator eliminated with this report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

January 1982

|                             | Jan.<br>1982 | Dec. (R)<br>1981 | Jan. (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>Jan. '82<br>over<br>Dec. '81 | % Change<br>Jan. '82<br>over<br>Jan. '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,417,700*   | 1,447,100*       | 1,418,400*       | - 2.0                                    | 0.0**                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 429,600*     | 430,900*         | 442,000*         | - 0.3                                    | - 2.8                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 312,200*     | 312,700*         | 325,200*         | - 0.2                                    | - 4.0                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 18,800*      | 18,900*          | 19,500*          | - 0.5                                    | - 3.6                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 64,400       | 65,100           | 65,000*          | - 1.1                                    | - 0.9                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec....     | 55,000       | 55,400           | 59,600*          | - 0.7                                    | - 7.7                                    |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 51,900       | 51,400           | 51,300           | + 1.0                                    | + 1.2                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 86,000       | 85,300           | 92,100*          | + 0.8                                    | - 6.6                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 28,800       | 29,200           | 29,800           | - 1.4                                    | - 3.4                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,300        | 7,400            | 7,900            | - 1.4                                    | - 7.6                                    |
| Nonmetallic Mfg.....        | 117,400      | 118,200          | 116,800*         | - 0.7                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,400       | 12,400           | 13,000           | 0.0                                      | - 4.6                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 8,000        | 8,100            | 7,800            | - 1.2                                    | + 2.6                                    |
| Apparel.....                | 11,400       | 11,700           | 10,300           | - 2.6                                    | + 10.7                                   |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,200        | 6,200            | 6,600            | 0.0                                      | - 6.1                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 10,000       | 10,000           | 10,100           | 0.0                                      | - 1.0                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,500       | 25,600           | 24,600*          | - 0.4                                    | + 3.7                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,400       | 19,400           | 19,200*          | 0.0                                      | + 1.0                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 11,900       | 11,800           | 12,800           | + 0.8                                    | - 7.0                                    |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,600       | 13,000           | 12,400*          | - 3.1                                    | + 1.6                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 988,100*     | 1,016,200*       | 976,400*         | - 2.8                                    | + 1.2                                    |
| Construction.....           | 44,300*      | 52,300*          | 42,900           | - 15.3                                   | + 3.3                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 30,700       | 32,000           | 31,700           | - 4.1                                    | - 3.2                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,200       | 18,200           | 18,000           | 0.0                                      | + 1.1                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,400       | 11,600           | 11,000           | - 1.7                                    | + 3.6                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 301,100      | 312,800          | 297,300          | - 3.7                                    | + 1.3                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 77,900       | 78,700           | 75,400           | - 1.0                                    | + 3.3                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 160,400      | 168,300          | 158,100          | - 4.7                                    | + 1.5                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 62,800       | 65,800           | 63,800           | - 4.6                                    | - 1.6                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 50,200       | 50,300           | 46,800           | - 0.2                                    | + 7.3                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 63,300       | 63,000           | 61,100           | + 0.5                                    | + 3.6                                    |
| Service.....                | 287,300      | 292,200          | 281,600*         | - 1.7                                    | + 2.0                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,500        | 6,000            | 5,600            | - 8.3                                    | - 1.8                                    |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.     | 14,000       | 14,200           | 13,900           | - 1.4                                    | + 0.7                                    |
| Business Services.....      | 58,700       | 59,900           | 57,400           | - 2.0                                    | + 2.3                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 100,800      | 100,300          | 96,200*          | + 0.5                                    | + 4.8                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,800       | 20,800           | 19,900           | 0.0                                      | + 4.5                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 26,000       | 27,200           | 27,400           | - 4.4                                    | - 5.1                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 61,500       | 63,800           | 61,200           | - 3.6                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Government.....             | 181,600      | 183,800          | 186,000          | - 1.2                                    | - 2.4                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,300       | 21,500           | 21,300           | - 0.9                                    | 0.0                                      |
| State & Local.....          | 160,300      | 162,300          | 164,700          | - 1.2                                    | - 2.7                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

\*\* Less than 0.05 percent.

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**EARNINGS AND HOURS - JANUARY 1 9 8 1**  
**Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers**

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                | Jan.<br>1982            | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1982         | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1982            | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$327.20                | \$331.52     | \$314.91     | 40.9                 | 41.7         | 42.1         | \$8.00                  | \$7.95       | \$7.48       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 339.07                  | 345.62       | 326.82       | 41.3                 | 42.2         | 42.5         | 8.21                    | 8.19         | 7.69         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 364.20                  | 373.25       | 358.00       | 42.3                 | 43.3         | 43.5         | 8.61                    | 8.62         | 8.23         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 301.35                  | 306.39       | 293.83       | 41.0                 | 41.8         | 42.4         | 7.35                    | 7.33         | 6.93         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 368.94                  | 374.09       | 359.10       | 42.8                 | 43.6         | 43.9         | 8.62                    | 8.58         | 8.18         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 268.53                  | 272.28       | 256.68       | 39.9                 | 40.7         | 41.2         | 6.73                    | 6.69         | 6.23         |
| Transportation Equipment...                    | 408.95                  | 418.67       | 379.26       | 41.1                 | 41.7         | 42.0         | 9.95                    | 10.04        | 9.03         |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                      | 315.56                  | 324.25       | 301.78       | 42.3                 | 43.7         | 43.8         | 7.46                    | 7.42         | 6.89         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 275.13                  | 289.68       | 264.86       | 40.7                 | 42.6         | 41.0         | 6.76                    | 6.80         | 6.46         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                   | 296.06                  | 294.52       | 280.70       | 39.9                 | 40.4         | 40.8         | 7.42                    | 7.29         | 6.88         |
| Food.....                                      | 315.47                  | 308.10       | 303.16       | 41.4                 | 41.3         | 41.7         | 7.62                    | 7.46         | 7.27         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 231.80                  | 237.55       | 221.84       | 38.0                 | 39.2         | 39.9         | 6.10                    | 6.06         | 5.56         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 180.73                  | 183.02       | 170.88       | 34.1                 | 35.4         | 35.6         | 5.30                    | 5.17         | 4.80         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 238.16                  | 240.60       | 226.29       | 39.3                 | 40.1         | 39.7         | 6.06                    | 6.00         | 5.70         |
| Paper.....                                     | 372.00                  | 377.92       | 352.12       | 45.7                 | 46.2         | 46.7         | 8.14                    | 8.18         | 7.54         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 305.94                  | 303.62       | 279.37       | 38.1                 | 38.0         | 37.6         | 8.03                    | 7.99         | 7.43         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 385.81                  | 375.11       | 351.95       | 41.8                 | 42.1         | 42.2         | 9.23                    | 8.91         | 8.34         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                    | 274.91                  | 277.98       | 287.85       | 39.9                 | 40.7         | 41.9         | 6.89                    | 6.83         | 6.87         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 313.40                  | 315.00       | 294.10       | 41.4                 | 42.0         | 42.5         | 7.57                    | 7.50         | 6.92         |
| Construction.....                              | 459.91                  | 472.63       | 487.15       | 36.1                 | 37.6         | 39.8         | 12.74                   | 12.57        | 12.24        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                           | Jan. 1982  |       | Dec. 1981(R) |       | Jan. 1981(R) |       |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                           | Ratio      |       | Ratio        |       | Ratio        |       |
|                           | to         |       | to           |       | to           |       |
|                           | Labor      |       | Labor        |       | Labor        |       |
|                           | Force      |       | Force        |       | Force        |       |
|                           | Number     |       | Number       |       | Number       |       |
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 123,900    | 7.7   | 102,600      | 6.4   | 106,600      | 6.7   |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....  |            | (6.5) |              | (6.6) |              | (6.1) |
| Labor Areas               |            |       |              |       |              |       |
| (Not Seasonally Adjusted) |            |       |              |       |              |       |
| Ansonia.....              | 2,100      | 13.0  | 1,200        | 7.5   | 1,700        | 10.2  |
| Bridgeport.....           | 16,300     | 8.3   | 12,500       | 6.4   | 13,400       | 7.0   |
| Bristol.....              | 4,700      | 13.1  | 3,400        | 9.4   | 3,500        | 9.5   |
| Danbury.....              | 6,200      | 6.4   | 5,500        | 5.8   | 6,100        | 6.5   |
| Danielson.....            | 3,700      | 13.0  | 2,800        | 10.3  | 2,800        | 10.0  |
| Hartford.....             | 28,100     | 7.2   | 24,000       | 6.2   | 22,800       | 6.0   |
| Meriden.....              | 3,200      | 11.7  | 2,600        | 9.7   | 2,600        | 9.7   |
| Middletown.....           | 4,200      | 7.2   | 3,500        | 6.0   | 3,500        | 5.9   |
| New Britain.....          | 7,100      | 9.5   | 6,500        | 8.5   | 5,500        | 7.3   |
| New Haven.....            | 15,400     | 7.7   | 12,700       | 6.4   | 14,200       | 7.2   |
| New London-Norwich.....   | 7,100      | 6.6   | 6,100        | 5.6   | 6,600        | 6.3   |
| Norwalk.....              | 4,300      | 5.6   | 3,400        | 4.5   | 3,600        | 4.9   |
| Stamford.....             | 5,200      | 4.3   | 4,700        | 3.8   | 5,300        | 4.4   |
| Torrington.....           | 4,800      | 11.8  | 4,200        | 10.1  | 3,900        | 9.5   |
| Waterbury.....            | 10,200     | 9.4   | 8,200        | 7.7   | 9,900        | 9.2   |
| Willimantic.....          | 1,300      | 5.4   | 1,300        | 4.8   | 1,200        | 5.1   |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....    | 10,183,000 | 9.4   | 9,013,000    | 8.3   | 8,746,000    | 8.2   |
| Seasonally Adjusted       |            | (8.5) |              | (8.8) |              | (7.4) |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | Jan. '82 | Dec. '81 | Jan. '81 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 282.5    | 281.5    | 260.5    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | + 0.4    | + 8.4    |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.



AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Jan. '82 | Dec. '81 (R) | Jan. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>January '82 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |              |              | Dec. '81                               | Jan. '81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,050    | 8,500        | 8,290        | - 5.3                                  | - 2.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 2,950    | 2,970        | 3,190        | - 0.7                                  | - 7.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,100    | 5,530        | 5,100        | - 7.8                                  | 0.0      |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 167,420  | 173,140      | 166,370      | + 3.3                                  | + 0.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 64,850   | 65,050       | 64,080       | - 0.3                                  | + 1.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 102,570  | 108,090      | 102,290      | - 5.1                                  | + 0.3    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,540   | 23,230       | 23,510       | - 3.0                                  | - 4.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,270    | 9,500        | 10,430       | - 2.4                                  | - 11.1   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,270   | 13,730       | 13,080       | - 3.4                                  | + 1.5    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,260   | 70,240       | 67,000       | - 2.8                                  | + 1.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 25,320   | 25,470       | 25,860       | - 0.6                                  | - 2.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,940   | 44,770       | 41,140       | - 4.1                                  | + 4.4    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,130   | 19,140       | 19,360       | - 0.1                                  | - 1.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,800    | 8,720        | 9,150        | + 0.9                                  | - 3.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,330   | 10,420       | 10,210       | - 0.9                                  | + 1.2    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 394,430  | 403,430      | 393,540      | - 2.2                                  | + 0.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 93,620   | 93,710       | 99,700       | - 0.1                                  | - 6.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 300,810  | 309,720      | 293,840      | - 2.9                                  | + 2.4    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,430   | 22,050       | 21,660*      | - 2.8                                  | - 1.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,420    | 5,500        | 5,790*       | - 1.5                                  | - 6.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,010   | 16,550       | 15,870       | - 3.3                                  | + 0.9    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 44,160   | 46,090       | 45,480       | - 4.2                                  | - 2.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 15,400   | 15,420       | 16,820       | - 0.1                                  | - 8.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 28,760   | 30,670       | 28,660       | - 6.2                                  | + 0.3    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 61,800   | 63,510       | 62,930*      | - 2.7                                  | - 1.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 28,430   | 28,450       | 29,870*      | - 0.1                                  | - 4.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 33,370   | 35,060       | 33,060       | - 4.8                                  | + 0.9    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 186,510* | 192,180*     | 187,110      | - 3.0                                  | - 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 40,730*  | 41,180*      | 43,340       | - 1.1                                  | - 6.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 145,780  | 151,000      | 143,770      | - 3.5                                  | + 1.4    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 94,070*  | 96,590*      | 92,590       | - 2.6                                  | + 1.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 35,220   | 34,840       | 35,810       | + 1.1                                  | - 1.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 58,850*  | 61,750*      | 56,780       | - 4.7                                  | + 3.6    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 63,620   | 64,790       | 61,630       | - 1.8                                  | + 3.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 21,080   | 21,150       | 20,660       | - 0.3                                  | + 2.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,540   | 43,640       | 40,970       | - 2.5                                  | + 3.8    |



# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Jan. '82 | Dec. '81 (R) | Jan. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>January '82 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |              |              | Dec. '81                               | Jan. '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,900  | 114,280      | 110,290      | - 2.1                                  | + 1.5    |
| Manufacturing        | 32,120   | 32,150       | 32,400       | - 0.1                                  | - 0.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 79,780   | 82,130       | 77,890       | - 2.9                                  | + 2.4    |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 27,900   | 29,300       | 28,500       | - 4.8                                  | - 2.1    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,190   | 10,420       | 10,840       | - 2.2                                  | - 6.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,710   | 18,880       | 17,660       | - 6.2                                  | + 0.3    |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,510   | 88,580       | 86,240       | - 1.2                                  | + 1.5    |
| Manufacturing        | 32,000   | 31,950       | 31,920       | + 0.2                                  | + 0.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 55,510   | 56,630       | 54,320       | - 2.0                                  | + 2.2    |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |              |              |                                        |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 19,260   | 20,990       | 19,130       | - 8.2                                  | + 0.7    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,850    | 2,840        | 2,750        | + 0.4                                  | + 3.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 16,410   | 18,150       | 16,380       | - 9.6                                  | + 0.2    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JANUARY 1982

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Jan.<br>1982            | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1982         | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1982            | Dec.<br>1981 | Jan.<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$378.45                | \$386.30     | \$330.46     | 43.6                 | 44.3         | 40.3         | \$8.68                  | \$8.72       | \$8.20       |
| Bridgeport  | 333.72                  | 342.98       | 327.17       | 41.2                 | 42.5         | 42.6         | 8.10                    | 8.07         | 7.68         |
| Bristol     | 345.15                  | 348.49       | 337.05       | 39.0                 | 39.2         | 39.7         | 8.85                    | 8.89         | 8.49         |
| Danbury     | 315.13                  | 319.12       | 308.25       | 42.7                 | 43.3         | 45.0         | 7.38                    | 7.37         | 6.85         |
| Danielson   | 244.19                  | 254.82       | 245.50       | 35.7                 | 37.2         | 38.3         | 6.84                    | 6.85         | 6.41         |
| Hartford    | 347.32                  | 352.80       | 338.44       | 41.2                 | 41.9         | 42.2         | 8.43                    | 8.42         | 8.02         |
| Meriden     | 294.89                  | 314.92       | 262.94       | 40.9                 | 43.8         | 39.9         | 7.21                    | 7.19         | 6.59         |
| Middletown  | 344.32                  | 353.22       | 323.46       | 40.7                 | 42.0         | 41.1         | 8.46                    | 8.41         | 7.87         |
| New Britain | 328.85                  | 331.23       | 328.02       | 40.8                 | 41.3         | 42.6         | 8.06                    | 8.02         | 7.70         |
| New Haven   | 298.76                  | 308.43       | 285.20       | 38.5                 | 39.9         | 40.0         | 7.76                    | 7.73         | 7.13         |
| New London- | 342.36                  | 341.55       | 322.83       | 41.1                 | 41.4         | 42.2         | 8.33                    | 8.25         | 7.65         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 335.66                  | 333.75       | 322.11       | 44.4                 | 44.5         | 44.8         | 7.56                    | 7.50         | 7.19         |
| Stamford    | 300.03                  | 304.47       | 285.89       | 40.6                 | 41.2         | 40.9         | 7.39                    | 7.39         | 6.99         |
| Torrington  | 241.00                  | 248.24       | 232.03       | 39.9                 | 41.1         | 39.8         | 6.04                    | 6.04         | 5.83         |
| Waterbury   | 263.87                  | 271.17       | 270.30       | 39.8                 | 41.4         | 42.3         | 6.63                    | 6.55         | 6.39         |
| Willimantic | 246.41                  | 252.34       | 265.70       | 39.3                 | 40.7         | 43.7         | 6.27                    | 6.20         | 6.08         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |        | New Hire Rate |         | Av. Weekly     |      | Rate Total   |      |
|---------|-----------------|--------|---------------|---------|----------------|------|--------------|------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |        | Manufacturing |         | Initial Claims |      | Unemployment |      |
|         | Seas.           |        | Seas.         |         | Seas.          |      | Seas.        |      |
|         | Actual          | Adj.   | Actual        | Adj.    | Actual         | Adj. | Actual       | Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |        |               |         |                |      |              |      |
| Jan.... | 1418.4          | 1433.2 | 1.4           | 1.5     | 7433           | 5402 | 6.7          | 6.1  |
| Feb.... | 1414.7          | 1435.5 | 1.4           | 1.6     | 4533           | 5168 | 6.7          | 6.1  |
| Mar.... | 1422.9          | 1436.0 | 1.5           | 1.5     | 4055           | 5344 | 6.3          | 6.0  |
| Apr.... | 1435.5          | 1434.5 | 1.4           | 1.5     | 4644           | 5210 | 6.1          | 6.1  |
| May.... | 1448.7          | 1437.7 | 1.7           | 1.6     | 3941           | 5355 | 5.7          | 6.0  |
| Jun.... | 1457.8          | 1437.9 | 2.2           | 1.7     | 5786           | 6065 | 6.1          | 6.0  |
| Jul.... | 1432.7          | 1443.7 | 1.4           | 1.6     | 8374           | 5379 | 6.4          | 6.0  |
| Aug.... | 1426.4          | 1441.8 | 1.9           | 1.7     | 5877           | 5830 | 6.2          | 6.1  |
| Sep.... | 1441.3          | 1438.0 | 1.8           | 1.5     | 3896           | 6174 | 5.6          | 6.2  |
| Oct.... | 1441.9          | 1435.3 | 1.3           | 1.2     | 4729           | 6564 | 5.8          | 6.4  |
| Nov.... | 1446.0          | 1433.8 | 1.0           | 1.1     | 5751           | 7042 | 6.0          | 6.5  |
| Dec.... | 1447.1          | 1428.8 | 0.6 (R)       | 0.9 (R) | 10279          | 6196 | 6.4          | 6.6  |

|         |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
|---------|--------|--------|--------------|--|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1982    |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Jan.... | 1417.7 | 1432.0 | Series       |  | 8581 | 6236 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Feb.... |        |        | Discontinued |  |      |      |     |     |
| Mar.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Apr.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| May.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Jun.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Jul.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Aug.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Sep.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Oct.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Nov.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |
| Dec.... |        |        |              |  |      |      |     |     |

|         | Personal Income |  | New Auto      |       | Average Work- |      | Mfg. Output |       |
|---------|-----------------|--|---------------|-------|---------------|------|-------------|-------|
|         | Millions        |  | Registrations |       | Week Hours    |      | (1967=100)  |       |
|         | Seas.           |  | Seas.         |       | Seas.         |      | Seas.       |       |
|         | Seasonally Adj. |  | Actual        | Adj.  | Actual        | Adj. | Actual      | Adj.  |
| 1981    |                 |  |               |       |               |      |             |       |
| Jan.... |                 |  | 9052          | 10565 | 42.1          | 41.8 | 119.7       | 115.1 |
| Feb.... |                 |  | 7491          | 9347  | 41.8          | 41.9 | 119.4       | 115.4 |
| Mar.... |                 |  | 11387         | 9435  | 41.8          | 41.8 | 120.3       | 115.2 |
| Apr.... | Series          |  | 12979         | 12049 | 41.5          | 41.7 | 119.3       | 115.7 |
| May.... |                 |  | 9161          | 8845  | 41.6          | 41.8 | 119.3       | 116.1 |
| Jun.... |                 |  | 9387          | 8104  | 41.8          | 41.9 | 121.4       | 117.4 |
| Jul.... | Under           |  | 9219          | 9015  | 41.4          | 41.7 | 104.0       | 117.4 |
| Aug.... |                 |  | 9888          | 9130  | 41.3          | 41.7 | 104.7       | 118.7 |
| Sep.... |                 |  | 8120          | 9430  | 41.0          | 41.2 | 119.3       | 117.6 |
| Oct.... | Revision        |  | 8742          | 8419  | 41.3          | 41.3 | 119.0       | 116.6 |
| Nov.... |                 |  | 8694          | 10297 | 41.4          | 41.0 | 118.8       | 114.5 |
| Dec.... |                 |  | 8501          | 8415  | 41.7          | 41.0 | 107.0       | 112.9 |

|         |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
|---------|--|--|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1982    |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Jan.... |  |  | 6380 | 7359 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 117.0 | 112.5 |
| Feb.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Mar.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Apr.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| May.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Jun.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Jul.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Aug.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Sep.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Oct.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Nov.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Dec.... |  |  |      |      |      |      |       |       |

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Employment in Connecticut during February declined, seasonally adjusted unemployment was up slightly and hourly earnings of factory workers increased to a record high, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment dropped by 8,100 to 1,409,600 last month (page 2). The transportation equipment industry recorded substantial layoffs due to reduced orders for new aircraft and spare parts. Seasonal cutbacks were largely responsible for fewer jobs in the trade and construction industries but both categories were up from 1981 employment levels.

The average hourly earnings of factory production workers rose three-cents from January to a new record of \$8.03, up from \$7.51 a year ago (page 3). Weekly wages averaged \$327.62 in February, 42-cents higher than a month earlier and \$13.70 above 1981. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, February hourly earnings were \$7.77 and \$310.80 a week compared with \$7.73 and \$309.20 in January. Weekly wages in the Ansonia labor market area were highest at \$379.31, followed by Bristol, \$347.88; Middletown, \$342.26; Hartford, \$342.10 and Bridgeport, \$340.67 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment moved from January's 124,200 (7.7 percent) to 122,000 (7.6 percent) in February when the seasonally adjusted rate went up from 6.5 to 6.8 percent (page 4) because of higher claims for unemployment benefits prompted by temporary closings. Both rates once again remained substantially under the national rates of 9.6 and 8.8 percent, seasonally adjusted. Monthly unemployment increases were reported in seven labor market areas, six had decreases and three were unchanged (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimates were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired, those entering or reentering the labor force and workers who were not entitled to wages during temporary closings.

Other Indicators: In addition to the one-tenth of a percent drop in unemployment and lower employment, there were fewer first-time claims for unemployment benefits (page 7). Other economic indicators were down from January.



CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

February 1982

|                             | Feb.<br>1982 | Jan.<br>1982 | Feb. (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>Feb. '82<br>over<br>Jan. '82 | % Change<br>Feb. '82<br>over<br>Feb. '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,409,600*   | 1,417,700    | 1,414,700*       | - 0.6                                    | - 0.4                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 423,800*     | 429,600      | 441,000*         | - 1.4                                    | - 3.9                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 307,200*     | 312,200      | 324,400*         | - 1.6                                    | - 5.3                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 18,800       | 18,800       | 19,600*          | 0.0                                      | + 4.1                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 63,400       | 64,400       | 65,000           | - 1.6                                    | - 2.5                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 54,300       | 55,000       | 59,600           | - 1.3                                    | - 8.9                                    |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 50,900       | 51,900       | 51,200           | - 1.9                                    | - 0.6                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 84,100*      | 86,000       | 91,400           | - 2.2                                    | - 8.0                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 28,300       | 28,800       | 29,800           | - 1.7                                    | - 5.0                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,400        | 7,300        | 7,800            | + 1.4                                    | - 5.1                                    |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 116,600      | 117,400      | 116,600*         | - 0.7                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Food.....                   | 12,200       | 12,400       | 12,700           | - 1.6                                    | - 3.9                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 7,900        | 8,000        | 7,900            | - 1.2                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Apparel.....                | 11,400       | 11,400       | 10,500           | 0.0                                      | + 8.6                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,200        | 6,200        | 6,500            | 0.0                                      | - 4.6                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800        | 10,000       | 10,000           | - 2.0                                    | - 2.0                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,500       | 25,500       | 24,700           | 0.0                                      | + 3.2                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,300       | 19,400       | 19,200           | - 0.5                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 11,900       | 11,900       | 12,800*          | 0.0                                      | - 7.0                                    |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,400       | 12,600       | 12,300           | - 1.6                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 985,800      | 988,100      | 973,700*         | - 0.2                                    | + 1.2                                    |
| Construction.....           | 42,200       | 44,300       | 41,900           | - 4.7                                    | + 0.7                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 30,300       | 30,700       | 31,400           | - 1.3                                    | - 3.5                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,200       | 18,200       | 17,900           | 0.0                                      | + 1.7                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,400       | 11,400       | 11,000           | 0.0                                      | + 3.6                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 300,200      | 301,100      | 296,100          | - 0.3                                    | + 1.4                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 77,700       | 77,900       | 75,200           | - 0.3                                    | + 3.3                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 158,900      | 160,400      | 156,100          | - 0.9                                    | + 1.8                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 63,600       | 62,800       | 64,800           | + 1.3                                    | - 1.8                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 49,900       | 50,200       | 46,500           | - 0.6                                    | + 7.3                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 63,700       | 63,300       | 61,100           | + 0.6                                    | + 4.3                                    |
| Service.....                | 287,100      | 287,300      | 281,000*         | - 0.1                                    | + 2.2                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,500        | 5,500        | 5,600            | 0.0                                      | - 1.8                                    |
| Laundries & Pers. Serv.     | 14,000       | 14,000       | 14,000           | 0.0                                      | 0.0                                      |
| Business Services.....      | 58,500       | 58,700       | 56,500           | - 0.3                                    | + 3.5                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 100,400      | 100,800      | 96,100*          | - 0.4                                    | + 4.5                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,800       | 20,800       | 19,900           | 0.0                                      | + 4.5                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 27,000       | 26,000       | 28,300           | + 3.9                                    | - 4.6                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 60,900       | 61,500       | 60,600           | - 1.0                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Government.....             | 182,800      | 181,600      | 186,800          | + 0.7                                    | - 2.1                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,200       | 21,300       | 21,200           | - 0.5                                    | 0.0                                      |
| State & Local.....          | 161,600      | 160,300      | 165,600          | + 0.8                                    | - 2.4                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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**EARNINGS AND HOURS - FEBRUARY 1 9 8 2**  
**Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers**

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                | Feb.<br>1982            | Jan.<br>1982 | Feb.<br>1981 | Feb.<br>1982         | Jan.<br>1982 | Feb.<br>1981 | Feb.<br>1982            | Jan.<br>1982 | Feb.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$327.62                | \$327.20     | \$313.92     | 40.8                 | 40.9         | 41.8         | \$8.03                  | \$8.00       | \$7.51       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 340.31                  | 339.07       | 326.98       | 41.2                 | 41.3         | 42.3         | 8.26                    | 8.21         | 7.73         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 362.02                  | 364.20       | 355.49       | 41.9                 | 42.3         | 43.3         | 8.64                    | 8.61         | 8.21         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 308.18                  | 301.35       | 298.63       | 41.2                 | 41.0         | 42.6         | 7.48                    | 7.35         | 7.01         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 364.98                  | 368.94       | 353.33       | 42.0                 | 42.8         | 43.3         | 8.69                    | 8.62         | 8.16         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 271.48                  | 268.53       | 257.48       | 40.1                 | 39.9         | 41.0         | 6.77                    | 6.73         | 6.28         |
| Transportation Equipment...                    | 411.41                  | 408.95       | 378.81       | 41.1                 | 41.1         | 41.4         | 10.01                   | 9.95         | 9.15         |
| Instruments and Clocks.....                    | 309.64                  | 315.56       | 299.53       | 41.9                 | 42.3         | 43.6         | 7.39                    | 7.46         | 6.87         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 273.50                  | 275.13       | 269.28       | 40.7                 | 40.7         | 41.3         | 6.72                    | 6.76         | 6.52         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                   | 292.30                  | 296.06       | 279.45       | 39.5                 | 39.9         | 40.5         | 7.40                    | 7.42         | 6.90         |
| Food.....                                      | 297.60                  | 315.47       | 297.75       | 40.0                 | 41.4         | 40.9         | 7.44                    | 7.62         | 7.28         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 224.85                  | 231.80       | 225.18       | 36.8                 | 38.0         | 40.5         | 6.11                    | 6.10         | 5.56         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 178.13                  | 180.73       | 172.62       | 33.8                 | 34.1         | 35.3         | 5.27                    | 5.30         | 4.89         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 239.29                  | 238.16       | 228.63       | 39.1                 | 39.3         | 39.9         | 6.12                    | 6.06         | 5.73         |
| Paper.....                                     | 372.00                  | 372.00       | 334.93       | 45.7                 | 45.7         | 45.2         | 8.14                    | 8.14         | 7.41         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 306.38                  | 305.94       | 284.24       | 37.5                 | 38.1         | 37.4         | 8.17                    | 8.03         | 7.60         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 381.22                  | 385.81       | 354.05       | 41.8                 | 41.8         | 42.3         | 9.12                    | 9.23         | 8.37         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                    | 271.48                  | 274.91       | 286.21       | 40.1                 | 39.9         | 41.6         | 6.77                    | 6.89         | 6.88         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 310.72                  | 313.40       | 296.65       | 41.1                 | 41.4         | 42.5         | 7.56                    | 7.57         | 6.98         |
| Construction.....                              | 463.83                  | 459.91       | 477.85       | 35.9                 | 36.1         | 39.2         | 12.92                   | 12.74        | 12.19        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                            | Feb. 1982  | Ratio          | Jan. 1982(R) | Ratio          | Feb. 1981(R) | Ratio          |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                            | Number     | to Labor Force | Number       | to Labor Force | Number       | to Labor Force |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                  | 122,000    | 7.6            | 124,200      | 7.7            | 104,700      | 6.7            |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                   |            | (6.8)          |              | (6.5)          |              | (6.1)          |
| Labor Areas —<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |            |                |              |                |              |                |
| Ansonia.....                               | 2,100      | 12.7           | 2,100        | 13.0           | 2,000        | 11.9           |
| Bridgeport.....                            | 14,100     | 7.3            | 16,300       | 8.4            | 12,200       | 6.5            |
| Bristol.....                               | 4,800      | 13.2           | 4,800        | 13.1           | 3,600        | 9.8            |
| Danbury.....                               | 6,300      | 6.6            | 6,200        | 6.4            | 5,900        | 6.4            |
| Danielson.....                             | 4,100      | 14.0           | 3,700        | 13.0           | 3,000        | 10.7           |
| Hartford.....                              | 28,100     | 7.2            | 28,100       | 7.2            | 22,500       | 5.9            |
| Meriden.....                               | 3,300      | 12.1           | 3,200        | 11.7           | 2,700        | 9.9            |
| Middletown.....                            | 4,200      | 7.1            | 4,200        | 7.2            | 3,600        | 6.1            |
| New Britain.....                           | 7,400      | 9.8            | 7,200        | 9.5            | 5,200        | 7.0            |
| New Haven.....                             | 15,300     | 7.7            | 15,400       | 7.8            | 14,100       | 7.1            |
| New London-Norwich.....                    | 7,500      | 7.0            | 7,100        | 6.6            | 5,300        | 6.0            |
| Norwalk.....                               | 3,500      | 4.7            | 4,300        | 5.6            | 3,900        | 5.3            |
| Stamford.....                              | 5,300      | 4.3            | 5,300        | 4.3            | 5,200        | 4.4            |
| Torrington.....                            | 4,800      | 11.9           | 4,800        | 11.8           | 4,000        | 10.0           |
| Waterbury.....                             | 9,800      | 9.1            | 10,200       | 9.4            | 9,300        | 8.7            |
| Willimantic.....                           | 1,400      | 5.4            | 1,300        | 5.4            | 1,200        | 4.8            |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                     | 10,378,000 | 9.6            | 10,183,000   | 9.4            | 8,614,000    | 8.0            |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                   |            | (8.8)          |              | (8.5)          |              | (7.4)          |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | Feb. '82 | Jan. '82 | Feb. '81 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 283.4    | 282.5    | 263.2    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | + 0.3    | + 7.7    |

**BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI**-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Feb. '82 | Jan. '82   | Feb. '81(R) | Percent Change to    |                   |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                           |          |            |             | Feb. '82<br>Jan. '82 | from:<br>Feb. '81 |
| <b>ANSONIA</b>            |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 7,990    | 8,050      | 8,200       | - 0.7                | - 2.6             |
| Manufacturing             | 2,950    | 2,950      | 3,170       | 0.0                  | - 6.9             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,040    | 5,100      | 5,030       | - 1.2                | + 0.2             |
| <b>BRIDGEPORT</b>         |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 166,370* | 167,720(R) | 165,940     | - 0.8                | + 0.3             |
| Manufacturing             | 64,340*  | 64,850     | 64,490      | - 0.8                | - 0.2             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 102,030  | 102,870(R) | 101,450     | - 0.8                | + 0.6             |
| <b>BRISTOL</b>            |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,410   | 22,540     | 23,340      | - 0.6                | - 4.0             |
| Manufacturing             | 9,270    | 9,270      | 10,380      | 0.0                  | - 10.7            |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,140   | 13,270     | 12,960      | - 1.0                | + 1.4             |
| <b>DANBURY</b>            |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 67,650   | 68,260     | 66,260      | - 0.9                | + 2.1             |
| Manufacturing             | 25,090   | 25,320     | 25,540      | - 0.9                | - 1.8             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,560   | 42,940     | 40,720      | - 0.9                | + 4.5             |
| <b>DANIELSON</b>          |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 18,960   | 19,130     | 19,180      | - 0.9                | - 1.1             |
| Manufacturing             | 8,710    | 8,800      | 9,060       | - 1.0                | - 3.9             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,250   | 10,330     | 10,120      | - 0.8                | + 1.3             |
| <b>HARTFORD</b>           |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 391,660  | 394,430    | 392,410*    | - 0.7                | - 0.2             |
| Manufacturing             | 92,720   | 93,620     | 98,810      | - 1.0                | - 6.2             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 298,940  | 300,810    | 293,600*    | - 0.6                | + 1.8             |
| <b>MERIDEN</b>            |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,250   | 21,430     | 21,630      | - 0.8                | - 1.8             |
| Manufacturing             | 5,600    | 5,420      | 5,860       | + 3.3                | - 4.4             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,650   | 16,010     | 15,770      | - 2.3                | - 0.8             |
| <b>MIDDLETOWN</b>         |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 44,630   | 44,700(R)  | 45,570      | - 0.2                | - 2.1             |
| Manufacturing             | 15,100   | 15,400     | 16,680      | - 1.9                | - 9.5             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 29,530   | 29,300(R)  | 28,890      | + 0.8                | + 2.2             |
| <b>NEW BRITAIN</b>        |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 60,840   | 61,800     | 63,140*     | - 1.6                | - 3.6             |
| Manufacturing             | 27,550   | 28,430     | 29,890*     | - 3.1                | - 7.8             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 33,290   | 33,370     | 33,250      | - 0.2                | + 0.1             |
| <b>NEW HAVEN</b>          |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 185,860* | 186,510*   | 186,460     | - 0.3                | - 0.3             |
| Manufacturing             | 40,520*  | 40,730*    | 43,100      | - 0.5                | - 6.0             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 145,340  | 145,780    | 143,360     | - 0.3                | + 1.4             |
| <b>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</b> |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 93,130*  | 94,070*    | 93,040      | - 1.0                | + 0.1             |
| Manufacturing             | 34,710   | 35,220     | 36,120      | - 1.4                | - 3.9             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 58,420*  | 58,850*    | 56,920      | - 0.7                | + 2.6             |
| <b>NORWALK</b>            |          |            |             |                      |                   |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 63,310   | 63,620     | 61,280      | - 0.5                | + 3.3             |
| Manufacturing             | 21,050   | 21,080     | 20,600      | - 0.1                | + 2.2             |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,260   | 42,540     | 40,680      | - 0.7                | + 3.9             |



# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Feb. '82 | Jan. '82 | Feb. '81 (R) | Percent Change to |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------------|----------|
|                      |          |          |              | Feb. '82 from:    | Feb. '81 |
| <b>STAMFORD</b>      |          |          |              |                   |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,000* | 111,900  | 109,610      | - 0.8             | + 1.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,930*  | 32,120   | 32,410       | - 0.6             | - 1.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 79,070   | 79,780   | 77,200       | - 0.9             | + 2.4    |
| <b>TORRINGTON</b>    |          |          |              |                   |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 27,760   | 27,900   | 28,130       | - 0.5             | - 1.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,160   | 10,190   | 10,710       | - 0.3             | - 5.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,600   | 17,710   | 17,420       | - 0.6             | + 1.0    |
| <b>WATERBURY</b>     |          |          |              |                   |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 86,700   | 87,510   | 86,280*      | - 0.9             | + 0.5    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,590   | 32,000   | 32,010*      | - 1.3             | - 1.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 55,110   | 55,510   | 54,270       | - 0.7             | + 1.5    |
| <b>WILLIMANTIC</b>   |          |          |              |                   |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,050   | 19,260   | 20,530       | + 9.3             | + 2.5    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,780    | 2,850    | 2,890        | - 2.5             | - 3.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,270   | 16,410   | 17,640       | + 11.3            | + 3.6    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| Area               | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | Feb. 1982               | Jan. 1982 | Feb. 1981 | Feb. 1982            | Jan. 1982 | Feb. 1981 | Feb. 1982               | Jan. 1982 | Feb. 1981 |
| Ansonia            | \$379.31                | \$378.45  | \$339.48  | 43.8                 | 43.6      | 41.0      | \$8.66                  | \$8.68    | \$8.28    |
| Bridgeport         | 340.67                  | 333.72    | 329.13    | 41.8                 | 41.2      | 42.8      | 8.15                    | 8.10      | 7.69      |
| Bristol            | 347.88                  | 345.15    | 338.12    | 39.0                 | 39.0      | 39.5      | 8.92                    | 8.85      | 8.56      |
| Danbury            | 314.18                  | 315.13    | 309.77    | 42.4                 | 42.7      | 44.7      | 7.41                    | 7.38      | 6.93      |
| Danielson          | 236.67                  | 244.19    | 248.84    | 34.5                 | 35.7      | 38.7      | 6.86                    | 6.84      | 6.43      |
| Hartford           | 342.10                  | 347.32    | 336.04    | 40.2                 | 41.2      | 41.9      | 8.51                    | 8.43      | 8.02      |
| Meriden            | 296.84                  | 294.89    | 268.66    | 41.0                 | 40.9      | 40.4      | 7.24                    | 7.21      | 6.65      |
| Middletown         | 342.26                  | 344.32    | 321.91    | 40.6                 | 40.7      | 40.8      | 8.43                    | 8.46      | 7.89      |
| New Britain        | 328.85                  | 328.85    | 326.83    | 40.8                 | 40.8      | 42.5      | 8.06                    | 8.06      | 7.69      |
| New Haven          | 308.50                  | 298.76    | 281.06    | 39.4                 | 38.5      | 39.2      | 7.83                    | 7.76      | 7.17      |
| New London-Norwich | 335.60                  | 342.36    | 311.95    | 40.0                 | 41.1      | 41.1      | 8.39                    | 8.33      | 7.59      |
| Norwalk            | 324.61                  | 335.66    | 323.90    | 42.6                 | 44.4      | 44.8      | 7.62                    | 7.56      | 7.23      |
| Stamford           | 294.12                  | 300.03    | 287.82    | 39.8                 | 40.6      | 41.0      | 7.39                    | 7.39      | 7.02      |
| Torrington         | 238.76                  | 241.00    | 235.53    | 39.4                 | 39.9      | 40.4      | 6.06                    | 6.04      | 5.83      |
| Waterbury          | 272.28                  | 263.87    | 272.63    | 40.7                 | 39.8      | 42.4      | 6.69                    | 6.63      | 6.43      |
| Willimantic        | 246.87                  | 246.41    | 265.67    | 39.0                 | 39.3      | 44.5      | 6.33                    | 6.27      | 5.97      |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

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CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment |            | Av. Weekly |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag.     | (Thous.)   | Initial    | Claims     | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4     | 1433.2     | 7433       | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7     | 1435.5     | 4533       | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9     | 1436.0     | 4055       | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5     | 1434.5     | 4644       | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7     | 1437.7     | 3941       | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8     | 1437.9     | 5786       | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7     | 1443.7     | 8374       | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4     | 1441.8     | 5877       | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3     | 1438.0     | 3896       | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9     | 1435.3     | 4729       | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0     | 1433.8     | 5751       | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1     | 1428.8     | 10279      | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |
| 1982    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1417.7     | 1432.0     | 8581       | 6236       | 7.7          | 6.5        |
| Feb.... | 1409.6     | 1429.6     | 5890       | 6716       | 7.6          | 6.8        |
| Mar.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Apr.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| May.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jun.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jul.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Aug.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Sep.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Oct.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Nov.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions        | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... |                 | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb.... |                 | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar.... |                 | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr.... | Series          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May.... |                 | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... |                 | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul.... | Under           | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug.... |                 | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep.... |                 | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct.... | Revision        | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... |                 | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec.... |                 | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... |                 | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb.... |                 | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Apr.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| May.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jun.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jul.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Aug.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Sep.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Oct.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |

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CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

EMPLOYMENT  
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An increase in Connecticut employment during March and record high hourly earnings, in addition to a seasonal unemployment increase, are reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The state's economy showed overall employment rising since February by an estimated 4,300 jobs to 1,413,900, with the largest gains in nonmanufacturing (page 2). Construction employment began its seasonal comeback and was up from February, and March 1981. Jobs in trade and service categories also improved over the month and from last year. Manufacturing declined from February with an estimated loss of 2,400 jobs. Employment increases were recorded in 14 labor market areas and declines in two (pages 5 & 6).

Hourly wages of manufacturing production workers rose five cents to a record \$8.08 which compared with \$7.56 a year ago. Average weekly earnings of \$330.47 were up \$2.85 from February and \$14.46 from March 1981. For a straight-time, 40-hour week, wages increased four cents to \$7.81 hourly and \$312.40 a week in March, 7.9 percent higher than the same month in 1981 (page 3). Weekly wages of Ansonia area workers were the highest in the state, followed by Hartford, Bristol, Middletown, Bridgeport and New London-Norwich (page 6).

Unemployment: The number of jobless persons declined by 8,500 and the rate from 7.6 to 7.1 percent. When seasonally adjusted, the rate moved from 6.8 to 7 percent in March substantially under comparable national figures of 9.5 and 9 percent, respectively (page 4). Unemployment decreased in 14 labor market areas and was up in two. The highest rates were in Bristol, Danielson and Torrington, Meriden and Ansonia and the lowest for Norwalk, Stamford, Danbury and Middletown labor market areas.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed in March, with the average workweek remaining stable, increased new car registrations and new claims for unemployment benefits, and lower manufacturing output (page 7).

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Note: A report on federally designated "Labor Surplus Areas" in Connecticut is attached.

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

March 1982

|                             | Mar.<br>1981 | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar. (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>Mar. '82<br>over<br>Feb. '82 | % Change<br>Mar. '82<br>over<br>Mar. '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,413,900*   | 1,409,600*   | 1,422,900*       | + 0.3                                    | - 0.6                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 421,400*     | 423,800*     | 440,300*         | - 0.6                                    | - 4.3                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 305,200*     | 307,200*     | 323,100*         | - 0.7                                    | - 5.5                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 18,500       | 18,800       | 19,500*          | - 1.6                                    | - 5.1                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 62,800       | 63,400       | 65,200           | - 1.0                                    | - 3.7                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 54,300       | 54,300       | 58,900           | 0.0                                      | - 7.8                                    |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 50,500       | 50,900       | 51,400           | - 0.8                                    | - 1.8                                    |
| Transp. Equipment.....      | 83,800*      | 84,100*      | 90,700           | - 0.4                                    | - 7.6                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 28,000       | 28,300       | 29,600           | - 1.1                                    | - 5.4                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,300        | 7,400        | 7,800            | - 1.4                                    | - 6.4                                    |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 116,200      | 116,600      | 117,200*         | - 0.3                                    | - 0.9                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,000       | 12,200       | 12,500           | - 1.6                                    | - 4.0                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 7,600        | 7,900        | 7,900            | - 3.8                                    | - 3.8                                    |
| Apparel.....                | 11,400       | 11,400       | 10,600           | 0.0                                      | + 7.5                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,300        | 6,200        | 6,500*           | + 1.6                                    | - 3.1                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800        | 9,800        | 10,200           | 0.0                                      | - 3.9                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,600       | 25,500       | 24,800           | + 0.4                                    | + 3.2                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,300       | 19,300       | 19,300           | 0.0                                      | 0.0                                      |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 11,600       | 11,900       | 12,900*          | - 2.5                                    | - 10.1                                   |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,600       | 12,400       | 12,500           | + 1.6                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 992,500      | 985,800      | 982,600          | + 0.7                                    | + 1.0                                    |
| Construction.....           | 44,300       | 42,200       | 44,100           | + 5.0                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 30,700       | 30,300       | 31,800           | + 1.3                                    | - 3.5                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,100       | 18,200       | 17,900           | - 0.6                                    | + 1.1                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,400       | 11,400       | 11,100           | 0.0                                      | + 2.7                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 301,400      | 300,200      | 297,100          | + 0.4                                    | + 1.4                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 78,400       | 77,700       | 76,100           | + 0.9                                    | + 3.0                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 158,800      | 158,900      | 155,800          | - 0.1                                    | + 1.9                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 64,200       | 63,600       | 65,200           | + 0.9                                    | - 1.5                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 50,100       | 49,900       | 46,900           | + 0.4                                    | + 6.8                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 63,800       | 63,700       | 61,300           | + 0.2                                    | + 4.1                                    |
| Service.....                | 289,500      | 287,100      | 284,000          | + 0.8                                    | + 1.9                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,800        | 5,500        | 5,700            | + 5.5                                    | + 1.8                                    |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv....     | 14,100       | 14,000       | 14,100           | + 0.7                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Business Services.....      | 58,500       | 58,500       | 56,300           | 0.0                                      | + 3.9                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 100,200      | 100,400      | 96,600           | - 0.2                                    | + 3.7                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,800       | 20,800       | 19,900           | 0.0                                      | + 4.5                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 27,900       | 27,000       | 29,400           | + 3.3                                    | - 5.1                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 62,200       | 60,900       | 62,000           | + 2.1                                    | + 0.3                                    |
| Government.....             | 183,200      | 182,800      | 188,400          | + 0.2                                    | - 2.8                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,300       | 21,200       | 21,200           | + 0.5                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 161,900      | 161,600      | 167,200          | + 0.2                                    | - 3.2                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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E A R N I N G S   A N D   H O U R S   -   M A R C H   1 9 8 2  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                | Mar.<br>1982            | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 | Mar.<br>1982         | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 | Mar.<br>1982            | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$330.47                | \$327.62     | \$316.01     | 40.9                 | 40.8         | 41.8         | \$8.08                  | \$8.03       | \$7.56       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 344.86                  | 340.31       | 328.67       | 41.4                 | 41.2         | 42.3         | 8.33                    | 8.26         | 7.77         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 351.85                  | 362.02       | 352.60       | 41.2                 | 41.9         | 43.0         | 8.54                    | 8.64         | 8.20         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 314.57                  | 308.18       | 298.22       | 41.5                 | 41.2         | 42.3         | 7.58                    | 7.48         | 7.05         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 367.95                  | 364.98       | 355.93       | 42.1                 | 42.0         | 43.3         | 8.74                    | 8.69         | 8.22         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 275.12                  | 271.48       | 258.74       | 40.4                 | 40.1         | 41.2         | 6.81                    | 6.77         | 6.28         |
| Transportation Equipment....                   | 415.74                  | 411.41       | 384.80       | 41.0                 | 41.1         | 41.6         | 10.14                   | 10.01        | 9.25         |
| Instruments and Clocks.....                    | 321.32                  | 309.64       | 295.92       | 42.9                 | 41.9         | 43.2         | 7.49                    | 7.39         | 6.85         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 275.00                  | 273.50       | 275.57       | 40.5                 | 40.7         | 42.2         | 6.79                    | 6.72         | 6.53         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing....                  | 294.18                  | 292.30       | 283.27       | 39.7                 | 39.5         | 40.7         | 7.41                    | 7.40         | 6.96         |
| Food.....                                      | 294.03                  | 297.60       | 288.88       | 39.1                 | 40.0         | 39.9         | 7.52                    | 7.44         | 7.24         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 226.07                  | 224.85       | 221.82       | 36.7                 | 36.8         | 39.4         | 6.16                    | 6.11         | 5.63         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 185.83                  | 178.13       | 174.74       | 34.8                 | 33.8         | 35.3         | 5.34                    | 5.27         | 4.95         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 245.74                  | 239.29       | 236.52       | 39.7                 | 39.1         | 40.5         | 6.19                    | 6.12         | 5.84         |
| Paper.....                                     | 367.99                  | 372.00       | 348.84       | 45.6                 | 45.7         | 45.9         | 8.07                    | 8.14         | 7.60         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 310.78                  | 306.38       | 288.78       | 37.9                 | 37.5         | 37.7         | 8.20                    | 8.17         | 7.66         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 373.27                  | 381.22       | 361.20       | 41.2                 | 41.8         | 43.0         | 9.06                    | 9.12         | 8.40         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....                   | 273.78                  | 271.48       | 283.32       | 40.5                 | 40.1         | 41.3         | 6.76                    | 6.77         | 6.86         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 318.59                  | 310.72       | 300.84       | 41.7                 | 41.1         | 43.1         | 7.64                    | 7.56         | 6.98         |
| Construction.....                              | 483.59                  | 463.83       | 462.34       | 37.0                 | 35.9         | 38.4         | 13.07                   | 12.92        | 12.04        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Mar. 1982     | Ratio to Labor Force | Feb. 1982(R)  | Ratio to Labor Force | Mar. 1981(R)  | Ratio to Labor Force |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
|                                          | <u>Number</u> | <u>Force</u>         | <u>Number</u> | <u>Force</u>         | <u>Number</u> | <u>Force</u>         |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 113,500       | 7.1                  | 122,000       | 7.6                  | 99,800        | 6.3                  |
| Seasonally Adjusted....                  |               | (7.0)                |               | (6.8)                |               | (6.0)                |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                      |               |                      |               |                      |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,600         | 10.0                 | 2,100         | 12.7                 | 1,800         | 11.1                 |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 13,600        | 7.0                  | 14,100        | 7.3                  | 11,200        | 5.9                  |
| Bristol.....                             | 4,500         | 12.6                 | 4,800         | 13.2                 | 3,600         | 9.9                  |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,700         | 5.9                  | 6,300         | 6.6                  | 5,500         | 6.0                  |
| Danielson.....                           | 3,300         | 11.6                 | 4,100         | 14.0                 | 2,700         | 9.7                  |
| Hartford.....                            | 26,000        | 6.6                  | 28,100        | 7.2                  | 22,000        | 5.7                  |
| Meriden.....                             | 3,100         | 11.2                 | 3,300         | 12.1                 | 2,600         | 9.7                  |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,700         | 6.3                  | 4,200         | 7.1                  | 3,200         | 5.4                  |
| New Britain.....                         | 6,400         | 8.6                  | 7,400         | 9.8                  | 4,700         | 6.4                  |
| New Haven.....                           | 14,600        | 7.3                  | 15,300        | 7.7                  | 14,000        | 7.0                  |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,600         | 6.2                  | 7,500         | 7.0                  | 6,000         | 5.7                  |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,100         | 4.0                  | 3,500         | 4.7                  | 4,000         | 5.4                  |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,900         | 4.0                  | 5,300         | 4.3                  | 4,700         | 3.9                  |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,700         | 11.6                 | 4,800         | 11.9                 | 3,700         | 9.3                  |
| Waterbury.....                           | 10,000        | 9.2                  | 9,800         | 9.1                  | 8,600         | 8.1                  |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,700         | 6.4                  | 1,400         | 5.4                  | 1,500         | 5.6                  |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 10,290,000    | 9.5                  | 10,378,000    | 9.6                  | 8,271,000     | 7.7                  |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (9.0)                |               | (8.8)                |               | (7.3)                |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | Mar. '82 | Feb. '82 | Mar. '81 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 283.1    | 283.4    | 265.1    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | - 0.1    | + 6.8    |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Mar. '82 | Feb. '82 | Mar. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>March 1982 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |          |              | Feb. '82                              | Mar. '81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,000    | 7,990    | 8,240        | + 0.1                                 | - 2.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 2,920    | 2,950    | 3,180        | - 1.4                                 | - 8.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,090    | 5,040    | 5,060        | + 1.0                                 | + 0.6    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 167,520  | 166,370  | 167,050      | + 0.7                                 | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 64,220   | 64,340   | 64,320       | - 0.2                                 | - 0.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 103,300  | 102,030  | 102,730      | + 1.2                                 | + 0.6    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,270   | 22,410   | 23,540       | - 0.7                                 | - 5.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 9,020    | 9,270    | 10,440       | - 2.7                                 | - 13.6   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,250   | 13,140   | 13,100       | + 0.8                                 | + 1.1    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,390   | 67,650   | 66,920       | + 1.1                                 | + 2.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 25,240   | 25,090   | 25,820       | + 0.6                                 | - 2.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,150   | 42,560   | 41,100       | + 1.4                                 | + 5.0    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 18,900   | 18,960   | 19,400       | - 0.3                                 | - 2.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,570    | 8,710    | 9,190        | - 1.6                                 | - 6.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,330   | 10,250   | 10,210       | + 0.8                                 | + 1.2    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 394,240  | 391,660  | 395,840      | + 0.7                                 | - 0.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 92,290   | 92,720   | 98,700       | - 0.5                                 | - 6.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 301,950  | 298,940  | 297,140      | + 1.0                                 | + 1.6    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,350   | 21,250   | 21,520       | + 0.5                                 | - 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,530    | 5,600    | 5,780        | - 1.3                                 | - 4.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,820   | 15,650   | 15,740       | + 1.1                                 | + 0.5    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 44,770   | 44,630   | 45,910       | + 0.3                                 | - 2.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 14,910   | 15,100   | 16,680       | - 1.3                                 | - 10.6   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 29,860   | 29,530   | 29,230       | + 1.1                                 | + 2.2    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 61,210   | 60,840   | 63,140*      | + 0.6                                 | - 3.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 27,460   | 27,550   | 29,790*      | - 0.3                                 | - 7.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 33,750   | 33,290   | 33,350       | + 1.4                                 | + 1.2    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 186,910* | 185,860* | 188,250      | + 0.6                                 | - 0.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 40,370*  | 40,520*  | 43,190       | - 0.4                                 | - 6.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 146,540  | 145,340  | 145,060      | + 0.8                                 | + 1.0    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 93,510*  | 93,130*  | 93,540       | + 0.4                                 | - 0.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,540   | 34,710   | 36,140       | - 0.5                                 | - 4.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 58,970*  | 58,420*  | 57,400       | + 0.9                                 | + 2.7    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 63,680   | 63,310   | 61,740       | + 0.6                                 | + 3.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 20,960   | 21,050   | 20,600       | - 0.4                                 | + 1.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 42,720   | 42,260   | 41,140       | + 1.1                                 | + 3.8    |

# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Mar. '82 | Feb. '82 | Mar. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>March 1982 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |          |              | Feb. '82                              | Mar. '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,500* | 111,000  | 110,390      | + 0.5                                 | + 1.0    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,760*  | 31,930   | 32,450       | - 0.5                                 | - 2.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 79,740   | 79,070   | 77,940       | + 0.8                                 | + 2.3    |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 27,800   | 27,760   | 28,360       | + 0.1                                 | - 2.0    |
| Manufacturing        | 10,100   | 10,160   | 10,780       | - 0.6                                 | - 6.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,700   | 17,600   | 17,580       | + 0.6                                 | + 0.7    |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,020   | 86,700   | 86,720       | + 0.4                                 | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 31,330   | 31,590   | 31,820       | - 0.8                                 | - 1.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 55,690   | 55,110   | 54,900       | + 1.1                                 | + 1.4    |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,180   | 21,050   | 20,660       | + 0.6                                 | + 2.5    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,760    | 2,780    | 2,890        | - 0.7                                 | - 4.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,420   | 18,270   | 17,770       | + 0.8                                 | + 3.7    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Mar.<br>1982            | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 | Mar.<br>1982         | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 | Mar.<br>1982            | Feb.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$382.80                | \$379.31     | \$353.22     | 44.0                 | 43.8         | 42.1         | \$8.70                  | \$8.66       | \$8.39       |
| Bridgeport  | 342.76                  | 340.67       | 331.62       | 41.8                 | 41.8         | 42.9         | 8.20                    | 8.15         | 7.73         |
| Bristol     | 348.93                  | 347.88       | 355.83       | 38.9                 | 39.0         | 40.9         | 8.97                    | 8.92         | 8.70         |
| Danbury     | 315.88                  | 314.18       | 307.19       | 42.4                 | 42.4         | 44.2         | 7.45                    | 7.41         | 6.95         |
| Danielson   | 246.35                  | 236.67       | 249.23       | 35.6                 | 34.5         | 38.7         | 6.92                    | 6.86         | 6.44         |
| Hartford    | 355.97                  | 342.10       | 337.74       | 41.2                 | 40.2         | 41.8         | 8.64                    | 8.51         | 8.08         |
| Meriden     | 300.03                  | 296.84       | 278.66       | 41.1                 | 41.0         | 41.1         | 7.30                    | 7.24         | 6.78         |
| Middletown  | 343.04                  | 342.26       | 320.78       | 40.5                 | 40.6         | 40.4         | 8.47                    | 8.43         | 7.94         |
| New Britain | 334.96                  | 328.85       | 330.07       | 41.2                 | 40.8         | 42.7         | 8.13                    | 8.06         | 7.73         |
| New Haven   | 312.04                  | 308.50       | 286.44       | 39.7                 | 39.4         | 39.4         | 7.86                    | 7.83         | 7.27         |
| New London- | 335.51                  | 335.60       | 322.83       | 39.8                 | 40.0         | 42.2         | 8.43                    | 8.39         | 7.65         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 331.68                  | 324.61       | 312.18       | 43.3                 | 42.6         | 43.6         | 7.66                    | 7.62         | 7.16         |
| Stamford    | 294.32                  | 294.12       | 287.29       | 39.4                 | 39.8         | 41.1         | 7.47                    | 7.39         | 6.99         |
| Torrington  | 238.73                  | 238.76       | 245.44       | 39.2                 | 39.4         | 42.1         | 6.09                    | 6.06         | 5.83         |
| Waterbury   | 287.86                  | 272.28       | 267.54       | 42.9                 | 40.7         | 42.0         | 6.71                    | 6.69         | 6.37         |
| Willimantic | 255.20                  | 246.87       | 268.78       | 40.0                 | 39.0         | 44.5         | 6.38                    | 6.33         | 6.04         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.



CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4          | 1433.2     | 7433           | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7          | 1435.5     | 4533           | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9          | 1436.0     | 4055           | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5          | 1434.5     | 4644           | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7          | 1437.7     | 3941           | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8          | 1437.9     | 5786           | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7          | 1443.7     | 8374           | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4          | 1441.8     | 5877           | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3          | 1438.0     | 3896           | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9          | 1435.3     | 4729           | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0          | 1433.8     | 5751           | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1          | 1428.8     | 10279          | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |
| 1982    |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1417.7          | 1432.0     | 8581           | 6236       | 7.7          | 6.5        |
| Feb.... | 1409.6          | 1429.6     | 5890           | 6716       | 7.6          | 6.8        |
| Mar.... | 1413.9          | 1426.7     | 5394           | 7107       | 7.1          | 7.0        |
| Apr.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| May.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jun.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jul.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Aug.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Sep.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Oct.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Nov.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |                 |            |                |            |              |            |

|             | Personal Income |                 | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|             | Millions        |                 | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|             | Seasonally      | Adj.            | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981        |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     |                 |                 | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb....     |                 |                 | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar....     |                 |                 | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr....     | Series          |                 | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May....     |                 |                 | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun....     |                 |                 | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul....     | Under           |                 | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug....     |                 |                 | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep....     |                 |                 | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct....     | Revision        |                 | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov....     |                 |                 | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec....     |                 |                 | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982        |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     |                 |                 | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb....     |                 |                 | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar....     |                 |                 | 9368          | 7698       | 40.9          | 40.9       | 115.3       | 110.4      |
| Apr....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| May....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jun....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jul....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Aug....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Sep....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Oct....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec....     |                 |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
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NINETEEN CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has updated its listing of areas designated as "labor surplus" for the twelve-month period June 1, 1981 through May 31, 1982. Latest additions include the city of Norwich, effective March 1, 1982, and the town of Pomfret, effective April 1, 1982. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of this preference is to guide a portion of the government's procurement dollars into areas of most severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the reference period of at least 1.20 times the national average unemployment rate for the same period. A comparison is made using the average of the area's unemployment rate for the two previous calendar years. The national average during the current reference period from January 1979 through December 1980 was 6.6 percent, therefore the qualifying rate for the current listing was 7.9 percent.

Areas can also be classified as labor surplus on the basis of exceptional circumstances as in the cases of Norwich and Pomfret. This permits eligibility criteria to be waived in areas where a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment has occurred and is not reflected in the average unemployment during the reference period.

Nineteen Connecticut communities comprise the state's share of the 1,151 labor surplus areas in the nation. In Connecticut, designation is made on a city or town basis. The current list includes:

Ansonia  
Bridgeport  
Griswold  
Killingly  
Meriden

New Haven  
Norwich  
Plainfield  
Pomfret  
Putnam

Seymour  
Sprague  
Sterling  
Thomaston  
Thompson

Torrington  
Voluntown  
Waterbury  
Winchester

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May 1982

Employment increased during April when the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Connecticut was also up three-tenths of one percent, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment increased by 3,800 jobs, reaching 1,417,700 in April compared with 1,413,900 the month before (Page 2). A decline in manufacturing employment was offset by gains in nonmanufacturing jobs which reached the one-million mark for the first time this year. There was a seasonal increase of 3,300 in construction and improvement was also recorded in trade, restaurants and service categories. The only segment of nonmanufacturing to show a net loss was state and local government, down by 1,400. Employment gains were recorded in 15 labor market areas and Willimantic had a decline (Pages 5 & 6).

Factory production workers earned a record high of \$8.13 per hour in April, five-cents above March and 58-cents higher (7.7 percent) than April 1981 (Page 3). A slightly shorter workweek of 40.6 hours was responsible for a 39-cent drop in average weekly wages to \$330.08. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings for April were \$7.87 or \$314.80 per week compared with \$7.81 and \$312.40 in March and \$7.26 and \$289.60 weekly in April last year. The highest hourly rates were paid to workers in Bristol, followed by Ansonia, Hartford and Middletown (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment declined from 113,500 (7.1 percent) in March to 110,800 (6.9 percent) in April. When seasonally adjusted, however, the rate was up three-tenths of a percent to 7.3 and remained substantially under the comparable U.S. figure of 9.4 percent. Unemployment dropped or was unchanged in 14 labor market areas and higher in two (Page 4). Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed in April, with a rise in personal income of state residents and lower first-time claims for unemployment benefits (Page 7). Manufacturing output and the average length of the workweek showed slight declines.

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"Women in the Connecticut Labor Force" is the subject of an attached report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

April 1982

|                             | Apr.<br>1982 | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr. (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>Apr. '82<br>over<br>Mar. '82 | % Change<br>Apr. '82<br>over<br>Apr. '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,417,700*   | 1,413,900*   | 1,439,400*       | + 0.3                                    | - 1.5                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 417,700*     | 421,400*     | 441,200*         | - 0.9                                    | - 5.3                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 302,300*     | 305,200*     | 324,200*         | - 1.0                                    | - 6.8                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 18,100       | 18,500       | 20,000           | - 2.2                                    | - 9.5                                    |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 62,300       | 62,800       | 65,500*          | - 0.8                                    | - 4.9                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec....     | 53,700       | 54,300       | 59,900           | - 1.1                                    | - 10.4                                   |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 49,900       | 50,500       | 51,500           | - 1.2                                    | - 3.1                                    |
| Transp. Equipment.....      | 83,300*      | 83,800*      | 90,400           | - 0.6                                    | - 7.8                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 27,700       | 28,000       | 29,400*          | - 1.1                                    | - 5.8                                    |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,300        | 7,300        | 7,500            | 0.0                                      | - 2.7                                    |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 115,400      | 116,200      | 117,000*         | - 0.7                                    | - 1.4                                    |
| Food.....                   | 11,900       | 12,000       | 12,200           | - 0.8                                    | - 2.5                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 7,500        | 7,600        | 8,000            | - 1.3                                    | - 6.3                                    |
| Apparel.....                | 11,200       | 11,400       | 10,200           | - 1.8                                    | + 9.8                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,300        | 6,300        | 6,500            | 0.0                                      | - 3.1                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,900        | 9,800        | 10,200           | + 1.0                                    | - 2.9                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,500       | 25,600       | 24,700           | - 0.4                                    | + 3.2                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 19,000       | 19,300       | 19,400           | - 1.6                                    | - 2.1                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plast....    | 11,500       | 11,600       | 13,100*          | - 0.9                                    | - 12.2                                   |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,600       | 12,600       | 12,700           | 0.0                                      | - 0.8                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,000,000    | 992,500      | 998,200*         | + 0.8                                    | + 0.2                                    |
| Construction.....           | 47,600       | 44,300       | 48,100*          | + 7.5                                    | - 1.0                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.)....     | 30,700       | 30,700       | 31,600           | 0.0                                      | - 2.8                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,000       | 18,100       | 18,000           | - 0.6                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Utilities.....              | 11,400       | 11,400       | 11,100           | 0.0                                      | + 2.7                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 303,200      | 301,400      | 301,700          | + 0.6                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 78,800       | 78,400       | 76,600           | + 0.5                                    | + 2.9                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 159,200      | 158,800      | 159,200          | + 0.2                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Restaurants.....            | 65,200       | 64,200       | 65,900           | + 1.6                                    | - 1.1                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 50,300       | 50,100       | 47,600           | + 0.4                                    | + 5.7                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 64,000       | 63,800       | 61,100           | + 0.3                                    | + 4.8                                    |
| Service.....                | 293,000      | 289,500      | 287,700          | + 1.2                                    | + 1.8                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 5,900        | 5,800        | 5,800            | + 1.7                                    | + 1.7                                    |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv....     | 14,500       | 14,100       | 14,500           | + 2.8                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Business Services.....      | 59,100       | 58,500       | 56,800           | + 1.0                                    | + 4.1                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 99,900       | 100,200      | 97,800           | - 0.3                                    | + 2.1                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,800       | 20,800       | 19,900           | 0.0                                      | + 4.5                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 27,900       | 27,900       | 28,300           | 0.0                                      | - 1.4                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 64,900       | 62,200       | 64,600           | + 4.3                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| Government.....             | 181,800      | 183,200      | 191,300          | - 0.8                                    | - 5.0                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,300       | 21,300       | 21,500           | 0.0                                      | - 0.9                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 160,500      | 161,900      | 169,800          | - 0.9                                    | - 5.5                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - A P R I L 1 9 8 2  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                   | Apr.<br>1982            | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 | Apr.<br>1982         | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 | Apr.<br>1982            | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and<br>Related Workers) | \$330.08                | \$330.47     | \$313.32     | 40.6                 | 40.9         | 41.5         | \$8.13                  | \$8.08       | \$7.55       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                       | 344.01                  | 344.86       | 323.95       | 41.1                 | 41.4         | 41.8         | 8.37                    | 8.33         | 7.75         |
| Primary Metals.....                               | 354.38                  | 351.85       | 358.09       | 41.4                 | 41.2         | 43.3         | 8.56                    | 8.54         | 8.27         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                            | 309.02                  | 314.57       | 294.69       | 40.5                 | 41.5         | 41.8         | 7.63                    | 7.58         | 7.05         |
| Machinery.....                                    | 367.92                  | 367.95       | 351.42       | 42.0                 | 42.1         | 42.7         | 8.76                    | 8.74         | 8.23         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                         | 273.32                  | 275.12       | 260.99       | 39.9                 | 40.4         | 41.1         | 6.85                    | 6.81         | 6.35         |
| Transportation Equipment...                       | 414.32                  | 415.74       | 376.16       | 40.9                 | 41.0         | 41.2         | 10.13                   | 10.14        | 9.13         |
| Instruments and Clocks.....                       | 329.18                  | 321.32       | 282.73       | 43.6                 | 42.9         | 41.7         | 7.55                    | 7.49         | 6.78         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                           | 277.67                  | 275.00       | 271.05       | 40.3                 | 40.5         | 41.7         | 6.89                    | 6.79         | 6.50         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                      | 295.50                  | 294.18       | 285.60       | 39.4                 | 39.7         | 40.8         | 7.50                    | 7.41         | 7.00         |
| Food.....                                         | 299.02                  | 294.03       | 293.38       | 39.5                 | 39.1         | 40.3         | 7.57                    | 7.52         | 7.28         |
| Textiles.....                                     | 232.25                  | 226.07       | 224.64       | 37.4                 | 36.7         | 39.9         | 6.21                    | 6.16         | 5.63         |
| Apparel.....                                      | 187.76                  | 185.83       | 178.92       | 34.9                 | 34.8         | 35.5         | 5.38                    | 5.34         | 5.04         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                           | 245.57                  | 245.74       | 235.53       | 39.8                 | 39.7         | 40.4         | 6.17                    | 6.19         | 5.83         |
| Paper.....                                        | 376.20                  | 367.99       | 349.45       | 45.0                 | 45.6         | 45.8         | 8.36                    | 8.07         | 7.63         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                        | 309.30                  | 310.78       | 289.90       | 37.4                 | 37.9         | 37.6         | 8.27                    | 8.20         | 7.71         |
| Chemicals.....                                    | 375.42                  | 373.27       | 362.09       | 41.3                 | 41.2         | 42.8         | 9.09                    | 9.06         | 8.46         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                       | 272.34                  | 273.78       | 282.62       | 39.7                 | 40.5         | 41.5         | 6.86                    | 6.76         | 6.81         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                        | 316.16                  | 318.59       | 302.99       | 40.9                 | 41.7         | 43.1         | 7.73                    | 7.64         | 7.03         |
| Construction.....                                 | 486.18                  | 483.59       | 445.28       | 37.0                 | 37.0         | 36.8         | 13.14                   | 13.07        | 12.10        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Apr. 1982<br>Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Mar. 1982 (R)<br>Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force | Apr. 1981 (R)<br>Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                          | <u>Number</u>                              | <u>Number</u>                                  | <u>Number</u>                                  |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 110,800                                    | 113,500                                        | 96,800                                         |
| Seasonally Adjusted....                  | 6.9<br>(7.3)                               | 7.1<br>(7.0)                                   | 6.1<br>(6.1)                                   |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |                                            |                                                |                                                |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,600                                      | 1,600                                          | 1,600                                          |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 14,800                                     | 13,600                                         | 12,200                                         |
| Bristol.....                             | 4,400                                      | 4,500                                          | 3,300                                          |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,700                                      | 5,700                                          | 5,300                                          |
| Danielson.....                           | 3,000                                      | 3,300                                          | 2,600                                          |
| Hartford.....                            | 24,500                                     | 26,000                                         | 20,000                                         |
| Meriden.....                             | 3,100                                      | 3,100                                          | 2,400                                          |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,700                                      | 3,700                                          | 3,200                                          |
| New Britain.....                         | 6,400                                      | 6,400                                          | 5,000                                          |
| New Haven.....                           | 13,700                                     | 14,600                                         | 13,400                                         |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,800                                      | 6,600                                          | 6,700                                          |
| Norwalk.....                             | 2,800                                      | 3,100                                          | 3,300                                          |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,900                                      | 4,900                                          | 4,700                                          |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,300                                      | 4,700                                          | 3,200                                          |
| Waterbury.....                           | 9,700                                      | 10,000                                         | 8,800                                          |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,400                                      | 1,700                                          | 1,100                                          |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 9,957,000                                  | 10,290,000                                     | 7,561,000                                      |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 | 9.2<br>(9.4)                               | 9.5<br>(9.0)                                   | 7.0<br>(7.3)                                   |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | <u>April '82</u> | <u>March '82</u> | <u>April '81</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| All Items.....          | 284.3            | 283.1            | 266.8            |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx              | +0.4             | +6.6             |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | April'82 | Mar.'82  | April'81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>April 1982 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |          |              | Mar.'82                               | April'81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,100    | 8,000    | 8,550        | + 1.3                                 | - 5.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 2,870    | 2,910    | 3,220        | - 1.4                                 | - 10.9   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,230    | 5,090    | 5,330        | + 2.8                                 | - 1.9    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 168,020  | 167,520  | 169,520*     | + 0.3                                 | - 0.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 63,440   | 64,220   | 64,790       | - 1.2                                 | - 2.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 104,580  | 103,300  | 104,730*     | + 1.2                                 | - 0.1    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,680   | 22,270   | 23,570       | + 1.8                                 | - 3.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,970    | 9,020    | 10,130       | - 0.6                                 | - 11.5   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,710   | 13,250   | 13,440       | + 3.5                                 | + 2.0    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,860   | 68,390   | 68,230*      | + 0.7                                 | + 0.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 25,010   | 25,240   | 25,910       | - 0.9                                 | - 3.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,850   | 43,150   | 42,320*      | + 1.6                                 | + 3.6    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,130   | 18,900   | 19,460*      | + 1.2                                 | - 1.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,710    | 8,570    | 9,200*       | + 1.6                                 | - 5.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,420   | 10,330   | 10,260       | + 0.9                                 | + 1.6    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 396,250  | 394,240  | 398,410*     | + 0.5                                 | - 0.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 91,250   | 92,290   | 99,080       | - 1.1                                 | - 7.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 305,000  | 301,950  | 299,330*     | + 1.0                                 | + 1.9    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,480   | 21,350   | 21,390       | + 0.6                                 | + 0.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,460    | 5,530    | 5,380        | - 1.3                                 | + 1.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,020   | 15,820   | 16,010       | + 1.3                                 | + 0.1    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 45,110   | 44,770   | 46,330       | + 0.8                                 | - 2.6    |
| Manufacturing             | 14,810   | 14,910   | 16,320       | - 0.7                                 | - 9.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 30,300   | 29,860   | 30,010       | + 1.5                                 | + 1.0    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 61,730*  | 61,210   | 63,450*      | + 0.8                                 | - 2.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 27,090*  | 27,460   | 29,590*      | - 1.3                                 | - 8.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 34,640   | 33,750   | 33,860*      | + 2.6                                 | + 2.3    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 187,030* | 186,910* | 188,500*     | + 0.1                                 | - 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 39,770*  | 40,370*  | 42,440       | - 1.5                                 | - 6.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 147,260  | 146,540  | 146,060*     | + 0.5                                 | + 0.8    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 93,900*  | 93,510*  | 94,520*      | + 0.4                                 | - 0.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,070   | 34,540   | 36,250       | - 1.4                                 | - 6.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 59,830*  | 58,970*  | 58,270*      | + 1.5                                 | + 2.7    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |          |              |                                       |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,210   | 63,680   | 63,330*      | + 0.8                                 | + 1.4    |
| Manufacturing             | 20,730   | 20,960   | 20,910*      | - 1.1                                 | - 0.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,480   | 42,720   | 42,420*      | + 1.8                                 | + 2.5    |

# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | April '82 | Mar. '82 | April '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>April 1982 from: |           |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
|                      |           |          |               | Mar. '82                              | April '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |           |          |               |                                       |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 112,490*  | 111,500* | 111,190*      | + 0.9                                 | + 1.2     |
| Manufacturing        | 31,440*   | 31,760*  | 32,330        | - 1.0                                 | - 2.8     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 81,050    | 79,740   | 78,860*       | + 1.6                                 | + 2.8     |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |           |          |               |                                       |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 27,890    | 27,800   | 28,990        | + 0.3                                 | - 3.8     |
| Manufacturing        | 9,930     | 10,100   | 10,670        | - 1.7                                 | - 6.9     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,960    | 17,700   | 18,320        | + 1.5                                 | - 2.0     |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |           |          |               |                                       |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,180    | 87,020   | 86,700*       | + 0.2                                 | + 0.6     |
| Manufacturing        | 30,740    | 31,330   | 31,770        | - 1.9                                 | - 3.2     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 56,440    | 55,690   | 54,930*       | + 1.3                                 | + 2.7     |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |           |          |               |                                       |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,940    | 21,180   | 20,510        | - 1.1                                 | + 2.1     |
| Manufacturing        | 2,840     | 2,760    | 2,890         | + 2.9                                 | - 1.7     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,100    | 18,420   | 17,620        | - 1.7                                 | + 2.7     |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Apr.<br>1982            | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 | Apr.<br>1982         | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 | Apr.<br>1982            | Mar.<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$368.38                | \$382.80     | \$355.31     | 42.1                 | 44.0         | 42.4         | \$8.75                  | \$8.70       | \$8.38       |
| Bridgeport  | 339.90                  | 342.76       | 330.58       | 41.2                 | 41.8         | 42.6         | 8.25                    | 8.20         | 7.76         |
| Bristol     | 351.66                  | 348.93       | 355.66       | 38.9                 | 38.9         | 40.6         | 9.04                    | 8.97         | 8.76         |
| Danbury     | 317.80                  | 315.88       | 305.03       | 42.6                 | 42.4         | 43.7         | 7.46                    | 7.45         | 6.98         |
| Danielson   | 249.53                  | 246.35       | 248.45       | 35.8                 | 35.6         | 38.4         | 6.97                    | 6.92         | 6.47         |
| Hartford    | 354.14                  | 355.97       | 330.42       | 40.8                 | 41.2         | 41.2         | 8.68                    | 8.64         | 8.02         |
| Meriden     | 305.45                  | 300.03       | 283.44       | 41.0                 | 41.1         | 41.5         | 7.45                    | 7.30         | 6.83         |
| Middletown  | 330.85                  | 343.04       | 318.00       | 39.2                 | 40.5         | 40.0         | 8.44                    | 8.47         | 7.95         |
| New Britain | 329.26                  | 334.96       | 323.53       | 40.4                 | 41.2         | 41.8         | 8.15                    | 8.13         | 7.74         |
| New Haven   | 306.50                  | 312.04       | 290.21       | 38.7                 | 39.7         | 39.7         | 7.92                    | 7.86         | 7.31         |
| New London  | 347.65                  | 335.51       | 314.42       | 40.9                 | 39.8         | 41.1         | 8.50                    | 8.43         | 7.65         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 341.55                  | 331.68       | 301.14       | 44.3                 | 43.3         | 42.0         | 7.71                    | 7.66         | 7.17         |
| Stamford    | 298.19                  | 294.32       | 289.05       | 39.6                 | 39.4         | 41.0         | 7.53                    | 7.47         | 7.05         |
| Torrington  | 234.62                  | 238.73       | 237.92       | 38.4                 | 39.2         | 40.6         | 6.11                    | 6.09         | 5.86         |
| Waterbury   | 270.24                  | 287.86       | 264.13       | 39.8                 | 42.9         | 41.4         | 6.79                    | 6.71         | 6.38         |
| Willimantic | 277.55                  | 255.20       | 255.09       | 42.7                 | 40.0         | 42.8         | 6.50                    | 6.38         | 5.96         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.



CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4          | 1433.2     | 7433           | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7          | 1435.5     | 4533           | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9          | 1436.0     | 4055           | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5          | 1434.5     | 4644           | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7          | 1437.7     | 3941           | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8          | 1437.9     | 5786           | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7          | 1443.7     | 8374           | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4          | 1441.8     | 5877           | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3          | 1438.0     | 3896           | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9          | 1435.3     | 4729           | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0          | 1433.8     | 5751           | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1          | 1428.8     | 10279          | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |

|         |        |        |      |      |     |     |
|---------|--------|--------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1982    |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Jan.... | 1417.7 | 1432.0 | 8581 | 6236 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Feb.... | 1409.6 | 1429.6 | 5890 | 6716 | 7.6 | 6.8 |
| Mar.... | 1413.9 | 1426.7 | 5394 | 7107 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Apr.... | 1417.7 | 1416.3 | 6211 | 6971 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| May.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Jun.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Jul.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Aug.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Sep.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Oct.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Nov.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Dec.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions (R)    | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb.... | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar.... | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr.... | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May.... | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul.... | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug.... | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep.... | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct.... | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec.... | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 3540.0          | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb.... | 3559.9          | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar.... | 3578.7          | 9368          | 7698       | 40.9          | 40.9       | 115.3       | 110.4      |
| Apr.... | 3592.3          | 5286          | 5068       | 40.6          | 40.8       | 113.6       | 110.2      |
| May.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jun.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jul.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Aug.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Sep.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Oct.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |

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## WOMEN IN THE CONNECTICUT LABOR FORCE

Connecticut women have improved their labor force participation\* and employment in the decade between March 1971 and March 1981, according to a study done by the Office of Research and Information of the Connecticut Labor Department. Although the number of jobs held by women has inched up only slightly between 1980 and 1981, over the ten year span the participation rate of women in the labor force has grown by a significant amount. During the same period the unemployment rate for women has also improved.

In March 1971, women comprised only 38.3 percent of the total civilian labor force, but by March 1981, their participation had grown by almost 147,000 to 42.4 percent of the labor force. Progress has been made in the traditionally male dominated manufacturing industries where 14,200 more women held jobs in 1981 than did in 1971. Here the apparel industry still employs the largest percent of women (73.9 in March 1981), but women have made some progress in the manufacturing groups classified as primary metals, electrical equipment, transportation equipment, instruments, food, lumber and furniture, paper, printing and publishing and chemicals. Female representation was greater in the nonmanufacturing industries where, in 1981 they held 49.3 percent of all jobs. Over the ten year span between 1971 and 1981 their participation has increased by 5.2 percentage points.

The greatest proportion of female workers were employed in the health services industry where, in 1981, 80 percent of all jobholders were women. Personal services, characterized by many laundry and dry cleaning establishments as well as beauty shops showed a female participation rate of 67.5 percent. The lowest proportion of women was employed in the construction industry.

The ratio of unemployed women to the civilian labor force between 1971 and 1981 shows that they have improved their position. In the short term, between 1980 and 1981, it appears that while unemployment does increase it is merely paralleling the economy and in effect women workers did find themselves slightly better off than the aggregation of all workers.

\* The civilian labor force employment data (the figures on the top four lines of the table) are not meant to be compared with the data on the remainder of the table which were prepared using different methods of collection and estimation. The employment figures on the top of the chart are estimated on a residential basis and exclude multiple jobholders and out-of-state workers who commute to jobs in Connecticut.

|                                                       | MARCH 1981               |         |                        | MARCH 1980               |         |                        | MARCH 1971               |         |                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|
|                                                       | Total Est.<br>Employment | Women   | % Women<br>to Total 1/ | Total Est.<br>Employment | Women   | % Women<br>to Total 1/ | Total Est.<br>Employment | Women   | % Women<br>to Total 1/ |
| Total Civilian Labor Force<br>(By Place of Residence) | 1,575,800                | 669,000 | 42.4                   | 1,583,500                | 671,200 | 42.4                   | 1,364,000                | 522,100 | 38.3                   |
| Employment                                            | 1,476,000                | 627,300 | 42.5                   | 1,495,900                | 634,300 | 42.4                   | 1,247,200                | 476,400 | 38.2                   |
| Unemployment                                          | 99,800                   | 41,700  | 41.8                   | 87,600                   | 36,900  | 42.1                   | 116,800                  | 45,700  | 39.1                   |
| Unemployment Rate                                     | 6.3                      | 6.2     |                        | 5.5                      | 5.5     |                        | 8.6                      | 8.7     |                        |
| Total Empl. (By Place of Work)                        | 1,529,300*               | 650,600 | 42.5                   | 1,531,300*               | 650,000 | 42.4                   | 1,259,600*               | 480,800 | 38.2                   |
| Total Nonagricultural Empl.                           | 1,515,000*               | 646,500 | 42.7                   | 1,516,900*               | 646,100 | 42.6                   | 1,247,100*               | 478,100 | 38.3                   |
| Manufacturing                                         | 440,300*                 | 131,600 | 29.9                   | 449,600*                 | 136,700 | 30.4                   | 404,700*                 | 117,400 | 29.0                   |
| Metallic Manufacturing                                | 323,100                  | 88,000  | 27.2                   | 331,300*                 | 92,900  | 28.0                   | 286,700*                 | 73,500  | 25.6                   |
| Primary Metals                                        | 19,500*                  | 2,900   | 14.7                   | 21,900                   | 3,500   | 16.3                   | 22,500                   | 2,200   | 9.7                    |
| Fabricated Metals                                     | 65,200                   | 21,500  | 33.0                   | 68,300                   | 22,900  | 33.5                   | 63,200                   | 21,000  | 33.3                   |
| Machinery Ex. Elec.                                   | 58,900                   | 10,600  | 18.1                   | 64,700                   | 11,900  | 18.3                   | 53,500                   | 11,200  | 21.0                   |
| Electrical Equipment                                  | 51,400                   | 23,000  | 44.7                   | 52,700                   | 25,700  | 48.8                   | 40,500                   | 17,300  | 42.7                   |
| Transp. Equipment                                     | 90,700                   | 15,400  | 17.0                   | 88,300*                  | 15,200  | 17.2                   | 80,200*                  | 11,200  | 14.0                   |
| Instruments                                           | 29,600                   | 11,900  | 40.3                   | 26,700                   | 10,600  | 39.7                   | 18,200                   | 7,100   | 39.1                   |
| Other Metallic Mfg.                                   | 7,800                    | 2,700   | 34.5                   | 8,700                    | 3,100   | 35.8                   | 8,600                    | 3,500   | 39.9                   |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing                             | 117,200*                 | 43,600  | 37.1                   | 118,300*                 | 43,800  | 37.0                   | 118,000                  | 43,900  | 37.2                   |
| Food                                                  | 12,500                   | 4,100   | 32.8                   | 12,700                   | 4,100   | 32.2                   | 13,300                   | 3,100   | 23.2                   |
| Textiles                                              | 7,900                    | 3,000   | 37.6                   | 8,800                    | 3,300   | 37.7                   | 13,100                   | 5,200   | 39.9                   |
| Apparel                                               | 10,600                   | 7,900   | 73.9                   | 11,000                   | 8,300   | 74.9                   | 13,100                   | 10,100  | 77.7                   |
| Lumber & Furniture                                    | 6,500*                   | 2,200   | 33.1                   | 7,000                    | 2,400   | 34.4                   | 6,000                    | 1,700   | 27.3                   |
| Paper                                                 | 10,200                   | 2,700   | 26.6                   | 9,300                    | 2,400   | 25.8                   | 8,100                    | 1,800   | 22.2                   |
| Printing & Publishing                                 | 24,800                   | 9,100   | 36.7                   | 24,200                   | 8,700   | 36.1                   | 20,000                   | 5,100   | 25.5                   |
| Chemicals                                             | 19,300                   | 5,900   | 30.4                   | 17,900                   | 5,200   | 29.0                   | 14,600                   | 4,400   | 30.1                   |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics                               | 12,900                   | 4,200   | 32.8                   | 13,900*                  | 4,400   | 31.8                   | 15,300                   | 7,100   | 46.5                   |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.                                | 12,500                   | 4,500   | 36.2                   | 13,500                   | 5,000   | 37.1                   | 14,500                   | 5,400   | 37.4                   |
| Nonmanufacturing                                      | 981,600*                 | 484,300 | 49.3                   | 972,100*                 | 477,900 | 49.2                   | 750,400                  | 330,700 | 44.1                   |
| Construction                                          | 44,100                   | 5,600   | 12.6                   | 43,500                   | 4,900   | 11.2                   | 49,600                   | **      | INA                    |
| Transp., Comm. & Util.                                | 60,800                   | 18,800  | 30.9                   | 60,600                   | 18,700  | 30.9                   | 54,100                   | 18,000  | 33.4                   |
| Transportation                                        | 31,800                   | 8,600   | 27.0                   | 31,900                   | 8,700   | 27.2                   | 27,100                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Communications                                        | 17,900                   | 7,800   | 43.8                   | 17,700                   | 7,700   | 43.9                   | 16,400                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Utilities                                             | 11,100                   | 2,400   | 21.4                   | 11,000                   | 2,300   | 20.7                   | 10,600                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Trade                                                 | 297,100                  | 137,900 | 46.4                   | 294,000                  | 136,300 | 46.4                   | 220,000                  | 77,400  | 35.2                   |
| Wholesale                                             | 76,100                   | 24,800  | 32.6                   | 72,500                   | 23,200  | 32.0                   | 48,000                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Retail                                                | 155,800                  | 76,700  | 49.2                   | 157,900                  | 77,200  | 49.0                   | 135,800                  | INA     | INA                    |
| Restaurants                                           | 65,200                   | 36,400  | 55.9                   | 63,600                   | 35,900  | 56.5                   | 36,200                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Finance, Ins. & R.E.                                  | 108,200                  | 65,200  | 60.2                   | 102,300                  | 61,200  | 59.8                   | 74,200                   | 42,600  | 57.4                   |
| Finance & R.E.                                        | 46,900                   | 29,600  | 63.1                   | 44,300                   | 27,300  | 61.6                   | 31,000                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Insurance                                             | 61,300                   | 35,600  | 58.1                   | 58,000                   | 33,900  | 58.4                   | 43,200                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Service                                               | 283,000*                 | 171,000 | 60.4                   | 281,400*                 | 170,100 | 60.4                   | 189,600                  | 107,900 | 56.9                   |
| Hotels                                                | 5,700                    | 3,500   | 60.7                   | 5,900                    | 3,700   | 63.1                   | 4,500                    | INA     | INA                    |
| Personal Services                                     | 14,100                   | 9,500   | 67.5                   | 14,400                   | 9,700   | 67.2                   | 14,000                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Business Services                                     | 56,300                   | 26,500  | 47.0                   | 53,700                   | 25,000  | 46.6                   | ***                      | INA     | INA                    |
| Health Services                                       | 96,600*                  | 77,300  | 80.0                   | 93,400*                  | 75,000  | 80.3                   | 60,400                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Law & Professional                                    | 19,900                   | 9,300   | 47.0                   | 19,400                   | 9,500   | 48.8                   | 11,300                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Educational Services                                  | 29,400                   | 16,100  | 54.8                   | 30,200                   | 16,900  | 55.8                   | ***                      | INA     | INA                    |
| Other Services                                        | 61,000                   | 28,800  | 47.2                   | 64,400                   | 30,300  | 47.1                   | 99,400                   | INA     | INA                    |
| Government                                            | 188,400                  | 85,800  | 45.6                   | 190,300                  | 86,700  | 45.5                   | 162,900                  | 79,800  | 49.0                   |
| Federal                                               | 21,200                   | 6,600   | 31.2                   | 21,800                   | 6,800   | 31.3                   | 20,600                   | 5,700   | 27.4                   |
| State & Local                                         | 167,200                  | 79,200  | 47.4                   | 168,500                  | 79,900  | 47.4                   | 142,300                  | 74,100  | 52.1                   |
| All Other Nonag. Employment                           | 93,100                   | 30,600  | 32.9                   | 95,200                   | 31,500  | 33.1                   | 92,000                   | 30,000  | 32.6                   |
| Agricultural Employment                               | 14,300                   | 4,100   | 28.6                   | 14,400                   | 3,900   | 27.2                   | 12,500                   | 2,700   | 21.5                   |

WOMEN IN THE CONNECTICUT LABOR FORCE

1/ Percentages were calculated with unrounded data and thus may not compute exactly when using the published rounded numbers.

\* Labor-management dispute

\*\* Number of women in construction sample not sufficient to obtain reliable estimate.

\*\*\* Employment data is included in Other Services.

INA Information not available.

# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Connecticut's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged and employment increased in May when personal income of state residents and hourly earnings of factory workers were at record high levels, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment increased by 7,500 to 1,425,200, a high for the year (page 2). Seasonal hiring in nonmanufacturing categories accounted for most of the nonfarm employment gains. Declines were recorded in metallic manufacturing where extended vacation closings were expected. There were seasonal monthly gains in construction, trade and hotels. Lower government jobs reflected reduced student workers in state colleges and universities. Thirteen labor markets had higher employment and three had declines (pages 5 & 6).

Wages of factory production workers increased to a weekly average of \$331.29, up by \$1.21 from April, and the hourly rate of \$8.18 was an all-time record high (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, average earnings were \$7.93 per hour and \$317.20 weekly compared with \$7.87 and \$314.80 in April and 8 percent above the hourly rate in May 1981. Weekly wages were highest in Ansonia, Hartford and Bristol (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped to 105,200 (6.5 percent) in May from April's 110,800 (6.9 percent) level but when seasonally adjusted, it remained at 7.3 which compared with the national 9.5 percent May rate (page 4). Thirteen labor market areas reported lower unemployment, two had increases and it was stable in Willimantic. Included in the unemployment estimates were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted economic indicators were mixed, with personal income of state residents increasing for the fifth consecutive month (page 7). New automobile registrations were up and the average workweek and manufacturing output were both down.

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Attached is a table detailing average weekly earnings by industry of Connecticut workers covered by unemployment compensation laws for various 1980 and 1981 calendar quarters.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

May 1982

|                             | May<br>1982 | Apr.<br>1982 | May (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>May '82<br>over<br>Apr. '82 | % Change<br>May '82<br>over<br>May '81 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,425,200*  | 1,417,700*   | 1,450,300*      | + 0.5                                   | - 1.7                                  |
| Manufacturing.....          | 414,600*    | 417,700*     | 441,000*        | - 0.7                                   | - 6.0                                  |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 299,900*    | 302,300*     | 323,500*        | - 0.8                                   | - 7.3                                  |
| Primary Metals.....         | 17,400*     | 18,100       | 19,800*         | - 3.9                                   | - 12.1                                 |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 62,000      | 62,300       | 65,500          | - 0.5                                   | - 5.3                                  |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 52,900      | 53,700       | 59,500          | - 1.5                                   | - 11.1                                 |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 49,800      | 49,900       | 51,800          | - 0.2                                   | - 3.9                                  |
| Transp. Equipment.....      | 83,400*     | 83,300*      | 89,800          | + 0.1                                   | - 7.1                                  |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 27,000*     | 27,700       | 29,600          | - 2.5                                   | - 8.8                                  |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,400       | 7,300        | 7,500           | + 1.4                                   | - 1.3                                  |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 114,700*    | 115,400      | 117,500         | - 0.6                                   | - 2.4                                  |
| Food.....                   | 11,900      | 11,900       | 12,200          | 0.0                                     | - 2.5                                  |
| Textiles.....               | 7,500       | 7,500        | 8,000           | 0.0                                     | - 6.2                                  |
| Apparel.....                | 11,300      | 11,200       | 10,700          | + 0.9                                   | + 5.6                                  |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,300       | 6,300        | 6,400           | 0.0                                     | - 1.6                                  |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800       | 9,900        | 10,200          | - 1.0                                   | - 3.9                                  |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,600      | 25,500       | 24,900          | + 0.4                                   | + 2.8                                  |
| Chemicals.....              | 18,600*     | 19,000       | 19,500          | - 2.1                                   | - 4.6                                  |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.    | 11,500      | 11,500       | 12,700          | 0.0                                     | - 9.4                                  |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,200      | 12,600       | 12,900          | - 3.2                                   | - 5.4                                  |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,010,600   | 1,000,000    | 1,009,300*      | + 1.1                                   | + 0.1                                  |
| Construction.....           | 51,200      | 47,600       | 51,600*         | + 7.6                                   | - 0.8                                  |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 31,200      | 30,700       | 32,200          | + 1.6                                   | - 3.1                                  |
| Communications.....         | 18,100      | 18,000       | 18,100          | + 0.6                                   | 0.0                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,500      | 11,400       | 11,200          | + 0.9                                   | + 2.7                                  |
| Trade.....                  | 305,700     | 303,200      | 304,200         | + 0.8                                   | + 0.5                                  |
| Wholesale.....              | 79,100      | 78,800       | 76,800          | + 0.4                                   | + 3.0                                  |
| Retail.....                 | 159,500     | 159,200      | 159,400         | + 0.2                                   | + 0.1                                  |
| Restaurants.....            | 67,100      | 65,200       | 68,000          | + 2.9                                   | - 1.3                                  |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 50,100      | 50,300       | 47,900          | - 0.4                                   | + 4.6                                  |
| Insurance.....              | 64,300      | 64,000       | 61,500          | + 0.5                                   | + 4.6                                  |
| Service.....                | 297,600     | 293,000      | 291,800         | + 1.6                                   | + 2.0                                  |
| Hotels.....                 | 6,500       | 5,900        | 6,400           | + 10.2                                  | + 1.6                                  |
| Laund. & Pers. Serv....     | 14,300      | 14,500       | 14,000          | - 1.4                                   | + 2.1                                  |
| Business Services.....      | 60,000      | 59,100       | 57,500          | + 1.5                                   | + 4.4                                  |
| Health Services.....        | 100,100     | 99,900       | 98,100          | + 0.2                                   | + 2.0                                  |
| Law & Professional....      | 20,800      | 20,800       | 19,900          | 0.0                                     | + 4.5                                  |
| Educational Services...     | 28,700      | 27,900       | 29,200          | + 2.9                                   | - 1.7                                  |
| Other Services.....         | 67,200      | 64,900       | 66,700          | + 3.5                                   | + 0.8                                  |
| Government.....             | 180,900     | 181,800      | 190,800         | - 0.5                                   | - 5.2                                  |
| Federal.....                | 21,400      | 21,300       | 21,500          | + 0.5                                   | - 0.5                                  |
| State & Local.....          | 159,500     | 160,500      | 169,300         | - 0.6                                   | - 5.8                                  |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - M A Y 1 9 8 2  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |             | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |             | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                                   | May<br>1982             | Apr.<br>1982 | May<br>1981 | May<br>1982          | Apr.<br>1982 | May<br>1981 | May<br>1982             | Apr.<br>1982 | May<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and<br>Related Workers) | \$331.29                | \$330.08     | \$318.24    | 40.5                 | 40.6         | 41.6        | \$8.18                  | \$8.13       | \$7.65      |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                       | 344.81                  | 344.01       | 328.50      | 41.0                 | 41.1         | 41.9        | 8.41                    | 8.37         | 7.84        |
| Primary Metals.....                               | 361.09                  | 354.38       | 367.11      | 41.6                 | 41.4         | 43.6        | 8.68                    | 8.56         | 8.42        |
| Fabricated Metals.....                            | 309.87                  | 309.02       | 303.96      | 40.4                 | 40.5         | 42.1        | 7.67                    | 7.63         | 7.22        |
| Machinery.....                                    | 369.56                  | 367.92       | 357.73      | 41.9                 | 42.0         | 43.1        | 8.82                    | 8.76         | 8.30        |
| Electrical Equipment.....                         | 273.32                  | 273.32       | 263.04      | 39.9                 | 39.9         | 41.1        | 6.85                    | 6.85         | 6.40        |
| Transportation Equipment...                       | 419.00                  | 414.32       | 375.55      | 41.2                 | 40.9         | 40.6        | 10.17                   | 10.13        | 9.25        |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                         | 319.40                  | 329.18       | 287.64      | 42.7                 | 43.6         | 42.3        | 7.48                    | 7.55         | 6.80        |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                           | 281.24                  | 277.67       | 272.35      | 40.7                 | 40.3         | 41.9        | 6.91                    | 6.89         | 6.50        |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                      | 295.96                  | 295.50       | 290.50      | 39.2                 | 39.4         | 40.8        | 7.55                    | 7.50         | 7.12        |
| Food.....                                         | 301.32                  | 299.02       | 301.10      | 39.7                 | 39.5         | 40.8        | 7.59                    | 7.57         | 7.38        |
| Textiles.....                                     | 233.47                  | 232.25       | 233.63      | 37.0                 | 37.4         | 39.8        | 6.31                    | 6.21         | 5.87        |
| Apparel.....                                      | 184.88                  | 187.76       | 183.50      | 34.3                 | 34.9         | 35.7        | 5.39                    | 5.38         | 5.14        |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                           | 248.62                  | 245.57       | 240.44      | 40.1                 | 39.8         | 41.1        | 6.20                    | 6.17         | 5.85        |
| Paper.....                                        | 373.40                  | 376.20       | 357.50      | 44.4                 | 45.0         | 45.6        | 8.41                    | 8.36         | 7.84        |
| Printing & Publishing.....                        | 309.96                  | 309.30       | 293.66      | 37.3                 | 37.4         | 37.6        | 8.31                    | 8.27         | 7.81        |
| Chemicals.....                                    | 383.22                  | 375.42       | 371.52      | 41.7                 | 41.3         | 43.0        | 9.19                    | 9.09         | 8.64        |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                       | 272.35                  | 272.34       | 283.24      | 39.3                 | 39.7         | 41.9        | 6.93                    | 6.86         | 6.76        |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                        | 313.22                  | 316.16       | 306.79      | 39.9                 | 40.9         | 42.2        | 7.85                    | 7.73         | 7.27        |
| Construction.....                                 | 501.78                  | 486.18       | 443.07      | 38.1                 | 37.0         | 36.8        | 13.17                   | 13.14        | 12.04       |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                           | May           | 1982  | Apr. 1982     | May   | 1981 (R)      |       |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|                           |               | Ratio |               | Ratio |               |       |
|                           |               | to    |               | to    |               |       |
|                           |               | Labor |               | Labor |               |       |
|                           |               | Force |               | Force |               |       |
|                           | <u>Number</u> |       | <u>Number</u> |       | <u>Number</u> |       |
| State Totals*-Actual..... | 105,200       | 6.5   | 110,800       | 6.9   | 90,700        | 5.7   |
| Seasonally Adjusted....   |               | (7.3) |               | (7.3) |               | (6.0) |
| Labor Areas               |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| (Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |       |               |       |               |       |
| Ansonia.....              | 1,800         | 11.1  | 1,600         | 10.2  | 1,400         | 8.5   |
| Bridgeport.....           | 14,000        | 7.1   | 14,800        | 7.5   | 11,200        | 5.8   |
| Bristol.....              | 4,000         | 10.9  | 4,400         | 12.1  | 2,500         | 7.0   |
| Danbury.....              | 5,200         | 5.3   | 5,700         | 5.9   | 5,000         | 5.2   |
| Danielson.....            | 2,700         | 9.7   | 3,000         | 10.7  | 2,300         | 8.3   |
| Hartford.....             | 22,900        | 5.8   | 24,500        | 6.2   | 19,600        | 5.1   |
| Meriden.....              | 2,900         | 10.4  | 3,100         | 11.1  | 2,300         | 8.7   |
| Middletown.....           | 3,400         | 5.7   | 3,700         | 6.2   | 3,300         | 5.7   |
| New Britain.....          | 6,200         | 8.1   | 6,400         | 8.5   | 4,500         | 6.0   |
| New Haven.....            | 13,300        | 6.6   | 13,700        | 6.9   | 13,100        | 6.6   |
| New London-Norwich.....   | 6,500         | 5.9   | 6,800         | 6.3   | 6,200         | 5.7   |
| Norwalk.....              | 3,000         | 3.8   | 2,800         | 3.6   | 3,000         | 3.9   |
| Stamford.....             | 4,200         | 3.4   | 4,900         | 3.9   | 4,500         | 3.7   |
| Torrington.....           | 4,200         | 10.2  | 4,300         | 10.6  | 3,100         | 7.6   |
| Waterbury.....            | 9,500         | 8.7   | 9,700         | 8.9   | 7,700         | 7.2   |
| Willimantic.....          | 1,400         | 5.3   | 1,400         | 5.2   | 1,000         | 3.8   |
| U.S.Total-Actual.....     | 9,957,000     | 9.1   | 9,957,000     | 9.2   | 7,731,000     | 7.1   |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....  |               | (9.5) |               | (9.4) |               | (7.5) |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | May '82 | April '82 | May '81 |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| All Items.....          | 287.1   | 284.3     | 269.0   |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx     | +1.0      | +6.7    |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | May '82  | April '82 | May '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>May 1982 from: |         |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
|                           |          |           |             | April '82                           | May '81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,090    | 8,100     | 8,560       | - 0.1                               | - 5.5   |
| Manufacturing             | 2,760    | 2,870     | 3,190       | - 3.8                               | - 13.5  |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,330    | 5,230     | 5,370       | + 1.9                               | - 0.7   |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 168,070* | 168,020   | 170,310*    | + 0.1                               | - 1.3   |
| Manufacturing             | 63,000*  | 63,440    | 64,830      | - 0.7                               | - 2.8   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 105,070  | 104,580   | 105,480*    | + 0.5                               | - 0.4   |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,770   | 22,680    | 24,180      | + 0.4                               | - 5.8   |
| Manufacturing             | 8,850    | 8,970     | 10,460      | - 1.3                               | - 15.4  |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,920   | 13,710    | 13,720      | + 1.5                               | + 1.5   |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 69,200   | 68,860    | 69,000      | + 0.5                               | + 0.3   |
| Manufacturing             | 25,010   | 25,010    | 25,980      | 0.0                                 | - 3.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,190   | 43,850    | 43,020      | + 0.8                               | + 2.7   |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,060   | 19,130    | 19,740      | - 0.4                               | - 3.4   |
| Manufacturing             | 8,530    | 8,710     | 9,340       | - 2.1                               | - 8.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,530   | 10,420    | 10,400      | + 1.1                               | + 1.3   |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 397,360  | 396,250   | 400,900     | + 0.3                               | - 0.9   |
| Manufacturing             | 90,710   | 91,250    | 99,050      | - 0.6                               | - 8.4   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 306,650  | 305,000   | 301,850     | + 0.5                               | + 1.6   |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,570   | 21,480    | 21,510      | + 0.4                               | + 0.3   |
| Manufacturing             | 5,450    | 5,460     | 5,410       | - 0.2                               | + 0.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,120   | 16,020    | 16,100      | + 0.6                               | + 0.1   |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 45,400   | 45,110    | 46,170      | + 0.6                               | - 1.7   |
| Manufacturing             | 14,470   | 14,810    | 15,650      | - 2.3                               | - 7.5   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 30,930   | 30,300    | 30,520      | + 2.1                               | + 1.3   |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 62,000*  | 61,730*   | 63,650      | + 0.4                               | - 2.6   |
| Manufacturing             | 27,000*  | 27,090*   | 29,410      | - 0.3                               | - 8.2   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 35,000   | 34,640    | 34,240      | + 1.0                               | + 2.2   |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 189,340* | 187,030*  | 190,490     | + 1.2                               | - 0.6   |
| Manufacturing             | 40,060*  | 39,770*   | 42,620      | + 0.7                               | - 6.0   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 149,280  | 147,260   | 147,870     | + 1.4                               | + 1.0   |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 94,820*  | 93,900*   | 95,350*     | + 1.0                               | - 0.6   |
| Manufacturing             | 33,930*  | 34,070    | 35,990      | - 0.4                               | - 5.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 60,890*  | 59,830*   | 59,360*     | + 1.8                               | + 2.6   |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,430*  | 64,210    | 64,020      | + 0.3                               | + 0.6   |
| Manufacturing             | 20,360*  | 20,730    | 20,930      | - 1.8                               | - 2.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,070   | 43,480    | 43,090      | + 1.4                               | + 2.3   |



# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | May '82  | April '82 | May '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>May 1982 from: |         |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
|                      |          |           |             | April '82                           | May '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 113,130* | 112,490*  | 112,290*    | + 0.6                               | + 0.7   |
| Manufacturing        | 31,200*  | 31,440*   | 32,280*     | - 0.8                               | - 3.3   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 81,930   | 81,050    | 80,010*     | + 1.1                               | + 2.4   |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,270   | 27,890    | 29,290      | + 1.4                               | - 3.5   |
| Manufacturing        | 9,820    | 9,930     | 10,640      | - 1.1                               | - 7.7   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,450   | 17,960    | 18,650      | + 2.7                               | - 1.1   |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,720   | 87,180    | 87,950*     | + 0.6                               | - 0.3   |
| Manufacturing        | 30,720   | 30,740    | 31,860      | - 0.1                               | - 3.6   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 57,000   | 56,440    | 56,090*     | + 1.0                               | + 1.6   |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |          |           |             |                                     |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 20,600   | 20,940    | 20,550      | - 1.6                               | + 0.2   |
| Manufacturing        | 2,970    | 2,840     | 2,880       | + 4.6                               | + 3.1   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 17,630   | 18,100    | 17,670      | - 2.6                               | - 0.2   |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |               |             | Average Weekly Hours |               |             | Average Hourly Earnings |               |             |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
|             | May<br>1982             | April<br>1982 | May<br>1981 | May<br>1982          | April<br>1982 | May<br>1981 | May<br>1982             | April<br>1982 | May<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$366.96                | \$368.38      | \$355.72    | 41.7                 | 42.1          | 42.5        | \$8.80                  | \$8.75        | \$8.37      |
| Bridgeport  | 344.86                  | 339.90        | 336.26      | 41.5                 | 41.2          | 43.0        | 8.31                    | 8.25          | 7.82        |
| Bristol     | 352.80                  | 351.66        | 350.15      | 38.6                 | 38.9          | 39.7        | 9.14                    | 9.04          | 8.82        |
| Danbury     | 314.81                  | 317.80        | 312.32      | 42.2                 | 42.6          | 44.3        | 7.46                    | 7.46          | 7.05        |
| Danielson   | 276.36                  | 249.53        | 256.37      | 39.2                 | 35.8          | 39.2        | 7.05                    | 6.97          | 6.54        |
| Hartford    | 358.28                  | 354.14        | 333.29      | 40.9                 | 40.8          | 41.3        | 8.76                    | 8.68          | 8.07        |
| Meriden     | 312.16                  | 305.45        | 283.87      | 41.4                 | 41.0          | 41.2        | 7.54                    | 7.45          | 6.89        |
| Middletown  | 334.11                  | 330.85        | 319.60      | 39.4                 | 39.2          | 40.0        | 8.48                    | 8.44          | 7.99        |
| New Britain | 325.01                  | 329.26        | 330.85      | 39.3                 | 40.4          | 42.2        | 8.27                    | 8.15          | 7.84        |
| New Haven   | 311.20                  | 306.50        | 293.78      | 38.9                 | 38.7          | 39.7        | 8.00                    | 7.92          | 7.40        |
| New London- | 347.99                  | 347.65        | 313.07      | 40.7                 | 40.9          | 40.5        | 8.55                    | 8.50          | 7.73        |
| Norwich     |                         |               |             |                      |               |             |                         |               |             |
| Norwalk     | 330.30                  | 341.55        | 309.89      | 42.4                 | 44.3          | 43.1        | 7.79                    | 7.71          | 7.19        |
| Stamford    | 298.65                  | 298.19        | 293.76      | 39.4                 | 39.6          | 41.2        | 7.58                    | 7.53          | 7.13        |
| Torrington  | 238.62                  | 234.62        | 238.14      | 38.8                 | 38.4          | 40.5        | 6.15                    | 6.11          | 5.88        |
| Waterbury   | 274.28                  | 270.24        | 270.67      | 40.1                 | 39.8          | 41.9        | 6.84                    | 6.79          | 6.46        |
| Willimantic | 275.10                  | 277.55        | 256.34      | 42.0                 | 42.7          | 42.3        | 6.55                    | 6.50          | 6.06        |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment |            | Av. Weekly |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag.     | (Thous.)   | Initial    | Claims     | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4     | 1433.2     | 7433       | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7     | 1435.5     | 4533       | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9     | 1436.0     | 4055       | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5     | 1434.5     | 4644       | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7     | 1437.7     | 3941       | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8     | 1437.9     | 5786       | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7     | 1443.7     | 8374       | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4     | 1441.8     | 5877       | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3     | 1438.0     | 3896       | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9     | 1435.3     | 4729       | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0     | 1433.8     | 5751       | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1     | 1428.8     | 10279      | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |
| 1982    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1417.7     | 1432.0     | 8581       | 6236       | 7.7          | 6.5        |
| Feb.... | 1409.6     | 1429.6     | 5890       | 6716       | 7.6          | 6.8        |
| Mar.... | 1413.9     | 1426.7     | 5394       | 7107       | 7.1          | 7.0        |
| Apr.... | 1417.7     | 1416.3     | 6211       | 6971       | 6.9          | 7.3        |
| May.... | 1425.2     | 1413.9     | 6148       | 8353       | 6.5          | 7.3        |
| Jun.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jul.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Aug.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Sep.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Oct.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Nov.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |

|             | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|             | Millions (R)    | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|             | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981        |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb....     | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar....     | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr....     | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May....     | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun....     | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul....     | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug....     | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep....     | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct....     | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov....     | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec....     | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982        |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     | 3540.0          | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb....     | 3559.9          | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar....     | 3578.7          | 9368          | 7698       | 40.9          | 40.9       | 115.3       | 110.4      |
| Apr....     | 3592.3          | 5286          | 5068       | 40.6          | 40.8       | 113.5       | 110.2      |
| May....     | 3612.4          | 8632          | 7847       | 40.5          | 40.7       | 112.8       | 109.8      |
| Jun....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jul....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Aug....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Sep....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Oct....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS  
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION  
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS 1981, 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH QUARTERS 1980

| I N D U S T R Y                     | 2nd Qtr.<br>1981 | 1st Qtr.<br>1981 | 4th Qtr.<br>1980 | 3rd Qtr.<br>1980 | 2nd Qtr.<br>1980 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total.....                          | \$308.30         | \$306.45         | \$309.23         | \$280.81         | \$280.36         |
| Total Manufacturing.....            | 387.26           | 383.49           | 386.75           | 349.90           | 347.99           |
| Total Nonmanufacturing.....         | 273.29           | 270.97           | 274.77           | 250.38           | 249.63           |
| Construction.....                   | 380.23           | 393.51           | 396.65           | 356.12           | 345.29           |
| Transportation.....                 | 316.43           | 312.27           | 325.73           | 307.46           | 287.35           |
| Communication & Utilities.....      | 440.11           | 419.50           | 461.03           | 406.83           | 396.87           |
| Trade.....                          | 228.51           | 225.87           | 230.03           | 212.42           | 207.78           |
| Wholesale.....                      | 397.69           | 400.54           | 413.03           | 370.57           | 365.43           |
| Retail.....                         | 198.16           | 188.07           | 196.17           | 186.03           | 181.83           |
| Restaurants.....                    | 107.41           | 106.52           | 107.49           | 102.02           | 99.28            |
| Finance & Real Estate.....          | 292.87           | 309.02           | 304.09           | 276.64           | 257.87           |
| Insurance.....                      | 359.92           | 375.31           | 347.41           | 333.40           | 327.75           |
| Service.....                        | 247.60           | 241.74           | 247.71           | 228.65           | 225.27           |
| Hotels.....                         | 151.09           | 141.69           | 153.49           | 138.59           | 142.11           |
| Laundries & Personal Services.....  | 164.65           | 154.82           | 164.77           | 151.51           | 152.41           |
| Business Services.....              | 260.06           | 262.16           | 273.81           | 240.95           | 238.52           |
| Auto Repair, Service & Garages..... | 235.28           | 229.35           | 245.84           | 227.71           | 218.99           |
| Health Services.....                | 260.60           | 253.68           | 256.41           | 247.14           | 241.70           |
| Educational Services.....           | 246.82           | 239.34           | 248.50           | 251.47           | 229.58           |
| Government.....                     | 293.09           | 285.09           | 288.32           | 255.44           | 275.68           |

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July 1982

Figures released by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro show employment in Connecticut edging slightly higher in June, but the gain was less than normal for this time of year because of continuing factory layoffs.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonfarm employment in the state increased by 4,200 from mid-May largely as a result of seasonal hiring in the service, construction and trade industries (page 2). In the manufacturing sector many employers continued to effect workforce reductions, with the major May-to-June cutbacks being reported in the fabricated metals and machinery groups. The net effect over the past year has been a loss of almost 31,000 factory jobs. Adding to the recessionary woes, several hundred additional factory workers were temporarily idled this June due to the heavy flooding in south-central Connecticut early in the month. Overall, however, employment grew in eleven labor market areas since mid-May while five showed net reductions (pages 5 & 6).

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers in Connecticut dropped by \$1.25 from mid-May to \$330.04 in mid-June (page 3). The dip resulted from a three-tenth of an hour reduction in the average workweek which, at 40.2 hours in June, was at its lowest point since the middle of 1976. Partly offsetting the shortened workweek was a three-cent increase in average hourly earnings to a new record high \$8.21 per hour. Straight-time earnings this June averaged \$7.97 per hour and \$318.80 per week, up by 8.9 percent over comparable year-earlier averages of \$7.32 and \$292.80.

Unemployment: Unemployment in Connecticut increased to 113,600 in mid-June, but when adjusted for seasonal factors the unemployment rate moved down to 6.9 percent of the labor force from a mid-May figure of 7.3. The national unemployment rate this June stood at 9.5 percent, unchanged from May (page 4). Although the May to June increase in Connecticut was less than normal for the period, joblessness across the state is almost 15,000 above the year-earlier level. Hardest hit have been the areas with relatively small employment bases which are heavily dependent on manufacturing. These include the Ansonia, Bristol, Danielson and Meriden areas, all with current unemployment rates in excess of 10 percent, and the New Britain and Torrington areas each with a rate of 9.6 percent. At the other extreme the Stamford area reported a jobless rate of 3.5 percent, one of the lowest in the nation.

Other Indicators: Four of the seven seasonally adjusted economic indicators carried in this report improved in June, including personal income, new auto registrations, and initial claims for unemployment compensation. On the negative side were the seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment total and the factory workweek and output index (page 7).

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A listing of the Connecticut towns recently classified as "labor surplus areas" appears on the back page of this report.

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

June 1982

|                             | June<br>1982 | May<br>1982 | June (R)<br>1981 | % Change<br>June '82<br>over<br>May '82 | % Change<br>June '82<br>over<br>June '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,429,400*   | 1,425,200*  | 1,457,800*       | + 0.3                                   | - 1.9                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 412,200*     | 414,600*    | 443,100*         | - 0.6                                   | - 7.0                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 297,600*     | 299,900*    | 324,100*         | - 0.8                                   | - 8.2                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 17,100       | 17,400*     | 19,900*          | - 1.7                                   | - 14.1                                   |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 60,300       | 62,000      | 66,200           | - 2.7                                   | - 8.9                                    |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 52,100       | 52,900      | 60,000           | - 1.5                                   | - 13.2                                   |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 49,700       | 49,800      | 52,400           | - 0.2                                   | - 5.2                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 84,300       | 83,400*     | 88,500           | + 1.1                                   | - 4.8                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 26,800*      | 27,000*     | 29,800*          | - 0.7                                   | - 10.1                                   |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,300        | 7,400       | 7,300            | - 1.4                                   | 0.0                                      |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 114,600      | 114,700     | 119,000          | - 0.1                                   | - 3.7                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,200       | 11,900      | 12,400           | + 2.5                                   | - 1.6                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 7,200        | 7,500       | 8,100            | - 4.0                                   | - 11.1                                   |
| Apparel.....                | 11,000       | 11,300      | 10,800           | - 2.6                                   | + 1.8                                    |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,300        | 6,300       | 6,500            | 0.0                                     | - 3.1                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800        | 9,800       | 10,400           | 0.0                                     | - 5.8                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,700       | 25,600      | 25,100           | + 0.4                                   | + 2.4                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 18,700       | 18,600*     | 19,800           | + 0.5                                   | - 5.6                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..   | 11,400       | 11,500      | 12,800           | - 0.9                                   | - 10.9                                   |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 12,300       | 12,200      | 13,100           | + 0.8                                   | - 6.1                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,017,200*   | 1,010,600*  | 1,014,700*       | + 0.6                                   | + 0.2                                    |
| Construction.....           | 52,800*      | 51,200      | 54,100*          | + 3.1                                   | - 2.4                                    |
| Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....    | 31,800       | 31,200      | 32,600           | + 1.9                                   | - 2.4                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,200       | 18,100      | 18,200           | + 0.6                                   | 0.0                                      |
| Utilities.....              | 11,600       | 11,500      | 11,400           | + 0.9                                   | + 1.8                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 307,800      | 305,700     | 306,000          | + 0.7                                   | + 0.6                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 80,400       | 79,100      | 77,500           | + 1.6                                   | + 3.7                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 159,700      | 159,500     | 159,800          | + 0.1                                   | - 0.1                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 67,700       | 67,100      | 68,700           | + 0.9                                   | - 1.5                                    |
| Finance & Real Estate...    | 50,900       | 50,100      | 49,100           | + 1.6                                   | + 3.7                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 65,100       | 64,300      | 62,200           | + 1.2                                   | + 4.7                                    |
| Service.....                | 300,600      | 297,600     | 293,700          | + 1.0                                   | + 2.4                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 6,900        | 6,500       | 6,700            | + 6.2                                   | + 3.0                                    |
| Laundries & Personal...     | 14,500       | 14,300      | 14,000           | + 1.4                                   | + 3.6                                    |
| Business Services.....      | 61,000       | 60,000      | 58,200           | + 1.7                                   | + 4.8                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 101,200      | 100,100     | 99,400           | + 1.1                                   | + 1.8                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 21,200       | 20,800      | 20,300           | + 1.9                                   | + 4.4                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 27,000       | 28,700      | 26,900           | - 5.9                                   | + 0.4                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 68,800       | 67,200      | 68,200           | + 2.4                                   | + 0.9                                    |
| Government.....             | 178,400      | 180,900     | 187,400          | - 1.4                                   | - 4.8                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,500       | 21,400      | 21,600           | + 0.5                                   | - 0.5                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 156,900      | 159,500     | 165,800          | - 1.6                                   | - 5.4                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - J U N E 1 9 8 2  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |             |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |             |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |             |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                                   | June<br>1982            | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 | June<br>1982         | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 | June<br>1982            | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and<br>Related Workers) | \$330.04                | \$331.29    | \$319.35     | 40.2                 | 40.5        | 41.8         | \$ 8.21                 | \$8.18      | \$7.64       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                       | 343.07                  | 344.81      | 329.64       | 40.6                 | 41.0        | 42.1         | 8.45                    | 8.41        | 7.83         |
| Primary Metals.....                               | 363.96                  | 361.09      | 367.98       | 41.5                 | 41.6        | 43.6         | 8.77                    | 8.68        | 8.44         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                            | 310.71                  | 309.87      | 304.56       | 40.3                 | 40.4        | 42.3         | 7.71                    | 7.67        | 7.20         |
| Machinery.....                                    | 365.38                  | 369.56      | 361.88       | 41.1                 | 41.9        | 43.6         | 8.89                    | 8.82        | 8.30         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                         | 268.31                  | 273.32      | 264.92       | 39.4                 | 39.9        | 41.2         | 6.81                    | 6.85        | 6.43         |
| Transportation Equipment...                       | 414.73                  | 419.00      | 375.19       | 40.7                 | 41.2        | 40.3         | 10.19                   | 10.17       | 9.31         |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                         | 320.88                  | 319.40      | 299.64       | 42.5                 | 42.7        | 43.3         | 7.55                    | 7.48        | 6.92         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                           | 280.42                  | 281.24      | 277.64       | 40.7                 | 40.7        | 44.0         | 6.89                    | 6.91        | 6.31         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                      | 297.16                  | 295.96      | 291.51       | 39.1                 | 39.2        | 41.0         | 7.60                    | 7.55        | 7.11         |
| Food.....                                         | 301.82                  | 301.32      | 308.43       | 39.3                 | 39.7        | 41.4         | 7.68                    | 7.59        | 7.45         |
| Textiles.....                                     | 243.81                  | 233.47      | 237.33       | 37.8                 | 37.0        | 40.5         | 6.45                    | 6.31        | 5.86         |
| Apparel.....                                      | 183.73                  | 184.88      | 186.22       | 34.6                 | 34.3        | 36.3         | 5.31                    | 5.39        | 5.13         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                           | 244.55                  | 248.62      | 235.17       | 39.7                 | 40.1        | 40.2         | 6.16                    | 6.20        | 5.85         |
| Paper.....                                        | 374.25                  | 373.40      | 363.13       | 44.5                 | 44.4        | 46.2         | 8.41                    | 8.41        | 7.86         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                        | 309.86                  | 309.96      | 292.81       | 36.8                 | 37.3        | 37.3         | 8.42                    | 8.31        | 7.85         |
| Chemicals.....                                    | 376.58                  | 383.22      | 361.67       | 40.8                 | 41.7        | 42.4         | 9.23                    | 9.19        | 8.53         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                       | 273.53                  | 272.35      | 280.14       | 39.3                 | 39.3        | 42.0         | 6.96                    | 6.93        | 6.67         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                        | 324.01                  | 313.22      | 317.39       | 40.4                 | 39.9        | 43.3         | 8.02                    | 7.85        | 7.33         |
| Construction.....                                 | 496.67                  | 501.78      | 457.45       | 37.4                 | 38.1        | 37.9         | 13.28                   | 13.17       | 12.07        |

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | June 1982     |                               | May 1982      |                               | June 1981 (R) |                               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|                                          | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 113,600       | 6.9                           | 105,200       | 6.5                           | 98,700        | 6.1                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (6.9)                         |               | (7.3)                         |               | (6.0)                         |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                               |               |                               |               |                               |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,900         | 11.5                          | 1,800         | 11.1                          | 1,700         | 10.1                          |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 15,100        | 7.7                           | 14,000        | 7.1                           | 11,900        | 6.1                           |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,900         | 10.8                          | 4,000         | 10.9                          | 2,700         | 7.3                           |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,700         | 5.7                           | 5,200         | 5.3                           | 5,500         | 5.6                           |
| Danielson.....                           | 3,000         | 10.5                          | 2,700         | 9.7                           | 2,400         | 8.3                           |
| Hartford.....                            | 25,400        | 6.4                           | 22,900        | 5.8                           | 22,000        | 5.6                           |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,900         | 10.5                          | 2,900         | 10.4                          | 2,400         | 9.0                           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,600         | 6.1                           | 3,400         | 5.7                           | 3,500         | 6.0                           |
| New Britain.....                         | 7,300         | 9.6                           | 6,200         | 8.1                           | 5,100         | 6.8                           |
| New Haven.....                           | 14,900        | 7.3                           | 13,300        | 6.6                           | 14,000        | 7.0                           |
| New London-Norwich....                   | 6,300         | 5.6                           | 6,500         | 5.9                           | 6,900         | 6.3                           |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,600         | 4.5                           | 3,000         | 3.8                           | 3,400         | 4.4                           |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,500         | 3.5                           | 4,200         | 3.4                           | 4,800         | 3.8                           |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,000         | 9.6                           | 4,200         | 10.2                          | 3,300         | 8.0                           |
| Waterbury.....                           | 10,200        | 9.2                           | 9,500         | 8.7                           | 7,800         | 7.3                           |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,300         | 5.4                           | 1,400         | 5.3                           | 1,300         | 5.5                           |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 1,088,600     | 9.8                           | 9,957,000     | 9.1                           | 8,485,000     | 7.7                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (9.5)                         |               | (9.5)                         |               | (7.4)                         |

\*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS  
Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | <u>June '82</u> | <u>May '81</u> | <u>June '81</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| All Items.....          | 290.6           | 287.1          | 271.3           |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx             | 1.2%           | 7.1%            |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Jun '82  | May '82  | Jun '81  | Percent Change to<br>June 1982 from: |         |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
|                           |          |          |          | May '82                              | Jun '82 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 8,130    | 8,090    | 8,700    | + 0.5                                | - 6.6   |
| Manufacturing             | 2,740    | 2,760    | 3,240    | - 0.7                                | - 15.4  |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,390    | 5,330    | 5,460    | + 1.1                                | - 1.3   |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 168,060  | 168,070* | 170,940* | - 0.1                                | - 1.7   |
| Manufacturing             | 62,650   | 63,000*  | 65,360   | - 0.6                                | - 4.1   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 105,410  | 105,070  | 105,580* | + 0.3                                | - 0.2   |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 22,700   | 22,770   | 24,280   | - 0.3                                | - 6.5   |
| Manufacturing             | 8,590    | 8,850    | 10,420   | - 2.9                                | - 17.6  |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 14,110   | 13,920   | 13,860   | + 1.4                                | + 1.8   |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 69,950   | 69,200   | 70,200   | + 1.1                                | - 0.4   |
| Manufacturing             | 25,150   | 25,010   | 26,440   | + 0.6                                | - 4.9   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,800   | 44,190   | 43,760   | + 1.4                                | + 2.4   |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,170   | 19,060   | 19,930   | + 0.6                                | - 3.8   |
| Manufacturing             | 8,540    | 8,530    | 9,410    | + 0.1                                | - 9.2   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,630   | 10,530   | 10,520   | + 0.9                                | + 1.0   |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 398,740  | 397,360  | 403,650  | + 0.3                                | - 1.2   |
| Manufacturing             | 90,470   | 90,710   | 98,700   | - 0.3                                | - 8.3   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 308,270  | 306,650  | 304,950  | + 0.5                                | + 1.1   |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,810   | 21,570   | 21,760   | + 1.1                                | + 0.2   |
| Manufacturing             | 5,510    | 5,450    | 5,450    | + 1.1                                | + 1.1   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 16,300   | 16,120   | 16,310   | + 1.1                                | - 0.1   |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 45,480   | 45,400   | 46,380   | + 0.2                                | - 1.9   |
| Manufacturing             | 14,360   | 14,470   | 15,580   | - 0.8                                | - 7.8   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 31,120   | 30,930   | 30,800   | + 0.6                                | + 1.0   |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 60,840*  | 62,000*  | 63,660   | - 1.9                                | - 4.4   |
| Manufacturing             | 25,790*  | 27,000*  | 29,380   | - 4.5                                | - 12.2  |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 35,050   | 35,000   | 34,280   | + 0.1                                | + 2.2   |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 188,500* | 189,340* | 190,440* | - 0.4                                | - 1.0   |
| Manufacturing             | 38,740*  | 40,060*  | 42,190*  | - 3.3                                | - 8.2   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 149,760* | 149,280  | 148,250  | + 0.3                                | + 1.0   |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 96,740*  | 94,820*  | 96,550   | + 2.0                                | + 0.2   |
| Manufacturing             | 35,150   | 33,930*  | 36,170   | + 3.6                                | - 2.8   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 61,590*  | 60,890*  | 60,380   | + 1.1                                | + 2.0   |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 65,300*  | 64,430*  | 65,320   | + 1.4                                | - 0.1   |
| Manufacturing             | 20,280*  | 20,360*  | 21,120   | - 0.4                                | - 4.0   |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 45,020   | 44,070   | 44,200   | + 2.2                                | + 1.9   |



| Area                 | Jun '82 | May '82  | Jun '81  | Percent Change to<br>June 1982 from: |         |
|----------------------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------|
|                      |         |          |          | May '82                              | Jun '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |         |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 114,490 | 113,130* | 114,630* | + 1.2                                | - 0.1   |
| Manufacturing        | 31,310  | 31,200*  | 32,590*  | + 0.4                                | - 3.9   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 83,180  | 81,930   | 82,040   | + 1.5                                | + 1.4   |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |         |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,510  | 28,270   | 29,560   | + 0.8                                | - 3.6   |
| Manufacturing        | 9,970   | 9,820    | 10,760   | + 1.5                                | - 7.3   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,540  | 18,450   | 18,820   | + 0.5                                | - 1.5   |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |         |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 88,190  | 87,720   | 88,960   | + 0.5                                | - 0.9   |
| Manufacturing        | 30,450  | 30,720   | 32,230   | - 0.9                                | - 5.5   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 57,740  | 57,000   | 56,730   | + 1.3                                | + 1.8   |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |         |          |          |                                      |         |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 18,170  | 20,600   | 18,490   | -11.8                                | - 1.7   |
| Manufacturing        | 2,850   | 2,970    | 2,910    | - 4.0                                | - 2.1   |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 15,320  | 17,630   | 15,580   | -13.1                                | - 1.7   |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

#### EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

##### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|                        | Average Weekly Earnings |             |              | Average Weekly Hours |             |              | Average Hourly Earnings |             |              |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                        | June<br>1982            | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 | June<br>1982         | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 | June<br>1982            | May<br>1982 | June<br>1981 |
| Ansonia                | \$357.94                | \$366.96    | \$359.91     | 40.4                 | 41.7        | 43.0         | \$8.86                  | \$8.80      | \$8.37       |
| Bridgeport             | 346.92                  | 344.86      | 340.49       | 41.3                 | 41.5        | 43.1         | 8.40                    | 8.31        | 7.90         |
| Bristol                | 357.35                  | 352.80      | 359.72       | 38.8                 | 38.6        | 40.6         | 9.21                    | 9.14        | 8.86         |
| Danbury                | 314.34                  | 314.81      | 311.61       | 41.8                 | 42.2        | 44.2         | 7.52                    | 7.46        | 7.05         |
| Danielson              | 284.09                  | 276.36      | 257.79       | 39.9                 | 39.2        | 39.0         | 7.12                    | 7.05        | 6.61         |
| Hartford               | 356.47                  | 358.28      | 334.13       | 40.6                 | 40.9        | 41.2         | 8.78                    | 8.76        | 8.11         |
| Meriden                | 310.84                  | 312.16      | 280.70       | 40.9                 | 41.4        | 40.8         | 7.60                    | 7.54        | 6.88         |
| Middletown             | 335.55                  | 334.11      | 322.40       | 39.2                 | 39.4        | 40.1         | 8.56                    | 8.48        | 8.04         |
| New Britain            | 338.15                  | 325.01      | 335.20       | 40.4                 | 39.3        | 42.7         | 8.37                    | 8.27        | 7.85         |
| New Haven              | 311.08                  | 311.20      | 299.95       | 38.5                 | 38.9        | 40.1         | 8.08                    | 8.00        | 7.48         |
| New London-<br>Norwich | 340.49                  | 347.99      | 314.74       | 39.5                 | 40.7        | 40.3         | 8.62                    | 8.55        | 7.81         |
| Norwalk                | 322.22                  | 330.30      | 316.36       | 41.1                 | 42.4        | 44.0         | 7.84                    | 7.79        | 7.19         |
| Stamford               | 301.78                  | 298.65      | 295.40       | 39.5                 | 39.4        | 41.2         | 7.64                    | 7.58        | 7.17         |
| Torrington             | 237.46                  | 238.62      | 242.13       | 38.3                 | 38.8        | 40.9         | 6.20                    | 6.15        | 5.92         |
| Waterbury              | 277.89                  | 274.28      | 275.60       | 40.1                 | 40.1        | 42.4         | 6.93                    | 6.84        | 6.50         |
| Willimantic            | 247.78                  | 275.10      | 253.76       | 37.6                 | 42.0        | 41.6         | 6.59                    | 6.55        | 6.10         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment      |            | Av. Weekly     |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag. (Thous.) |            | Initial Claims |            | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual          | Seas. Adj. | Actual         | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |            |                |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4          | 1433.2     | 7433           | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7          | 1435.5     | 4533           | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9          | 1436.0     | 4055           | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5          | 1434.5     | 4644           | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7          | 1437.7     | 3941           | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8          | 1437.9     | 5786           | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7          | 1443.7     | 8374           | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4          | 1441.8     | 5877           | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3          | 1438.0     | 3896           | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9          | 1435.3     | 4729           | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0          | 1433.8     | 5751           | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1          | 1428.8     | 10279          | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |

|         |        |        |      |      |     |     |
|---------|--------|--------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1982    |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Jan.... | 1417.7 | 1432.0 | 8581 | 6236 | 7.7 | 6.5 |
| Feb.... | 1409.6 | 1429.6 | 5890 | 6716 | 7.6 | 6.8 |
| Mar.... | 1413.9 | 1426.7 | 5394 | 7107 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Apr.... | 1417.7 | 1416.3 | 6211 | 6971 | 6.9 | 7.3 |
| May.... | 1425.2 | 1413.9 | 6148 | 8353 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| Jun.... | 1429.4 | 1409.7 | 7493 | 7855 | 6.9 | 6.9 |
| Jul.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Aug.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Sep.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Oct.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Nov.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |
| Dec.... |        |        |      |      |     |     |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions (R)    | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb.... | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar.... | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr.... | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May.... | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul.... | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug.... | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep.... | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct.... | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec.... | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |

|         |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
|---------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| 1982    |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Jan.... | 3540.0 | 6380 | 7359 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 117.0 | 112.5 |
| Feb.... | 3559.9 | 4919 | 6080 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 115.0 | 111.2 |
| Mar.... | 3578.7 | 9368 | 7698 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 115.3 | 110.4 |
| Apr.... | 3592.3 | 5286 | 5068 | 40.6 | 40.8 | 113.6 | 110.2 |
| May.... | 3612.4 | 8632 | 7847 | 40.5 | 40.7 | 112.8 | 109.8 |
| Jun.... | 3626.7 | 9845 | 8728 | 40.2 | 40.2 | 111.3 | 107.6 |
| Jul.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Aug.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Sep.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Oct.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Nov.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| Dec.... |        |      |      |      |      |       |       |

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EIGHTEEN CONNECTICUT MUNICIPALITIES LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

A new compilation of labor surplus areas, effective for the period June 1, 1982, through May 31, 1983, has been released by the U.S. Department of Labor. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of the preference is to funnel a part of the government's purchasing dollars into areas of severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate twenty percent greater than the national average unemployment rate during the reference period, January 1980 through December 1981. The national average unemployment rate for calendar years 1980 and 1981 was 7.5 percent of the labor force, thus the qualifying rate used in classifying labor surplus areas was 9.0 percent. Using this relatively long reference period avoids the emphasis of cyclical or seasonal factors as criteria and instead targets areas with high structural unemployment due to workers' lack of skills. Areas may also receive this designation on the basis of exceptional circumstances which cause a sudden unforeseen rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period. This was the criteria used in the addition of Bozrah where recent layoffs worked a severe economic hardship on the community.

Eighteen towns in Connecticut have been designated as labor surplus areas  
They are:

|            |          |            |
|------------|----------|------------|
| Ansonia    | Plymouth | Thomaston  |
| Bozrah     | Pomfret  | Thompson   |
| Bridgeport | Putnam   | Torrington |
| Griswold   | Seymour  | Voluntown  |
| Killingly  | Sprague  | Waterbury  |
| Plainfield | Sterling | Winchester |

Meriden, New Haven and Norwich have improved their labor situations since the last compilation and have been dropped from the current list.

# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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August 1982

Seasonally adjusted unemployment was unchanged at 6.9 percent in July as non-farm employment showed a largely seasonal decline and average hourly and weekly earnings and personal income reached record high levels, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Seasonal influences prompted by school closings, factory vacation shutdowns and other layoffs continued to influence the overall employment with the July estimate dropping 23,000 from mid-June to 1,406,400 (page 2). In non-manufacturing, a 3.4 percent increase in construction employment and other seasonal gains in hotel, service and wholesale trade jobs were offset by lower government employment reflecting summer furloughs of school support staff personnel.

Average weekly and hourly earnings of factory production workers were at all-time highs of \$331.60 and \$8.29, respectively (page 3). The weekly wage was a \$1.56 increase from June and the hourly gain, eight-cents. Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings rose 10-cents to \$8.07 or \$322.65 per week, 8.6 percent higher than July 1981. Production workers in the Ansonia area earned the highest weekly wage, \$374.82, followed by Bristol, \$364.02, Bridgeport, \$352.77 and Hartford, \$351.43 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment moved to 114,900 in July from June's 113,600 and 102,000 a year ago July. The 6.9 percent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (page 4), the same as June, once again remained substantially below the nation which had a 9.8 percent rate. Fourteen labor market areas reported increased unemployment which dropped in New Haven, Norwalk, Waterbury and Bristol.

Other Indicators: Personal income of state residents rose to a new monthly high of more than \$3.6 billion. Other seasonally adjusted economic indicators were generally mixed (page 7), with a decrease in average weekly new filings for unemployment benefits, a slightly longer workweek, and lower new car registrations and manufacturing output.

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"Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed" is the subject of an attached report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

|                             | July 1982    |              |                 | % Change<br>July '82<br>over<br>June '82 | % Change<br>July '82<br>over<br>July '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                             | July<br>1982 | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981(R) |                                          |                                          |
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,406,400*   | 1,429,400*   | 1,432,700*      | - 1.6                                    | - 1.8                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 400,100*     | 412,200*     | 434,000*        | - 2.9                                    | - 7.8                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 289,100*     | 297,600*     | 317,100*        | - 2.9                                    | - 8.8                                    |
| Primary Metals.....         | 17,300       | 17,100       | 19,400*         | + 1.2                                    | - 10.8                                   |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 57,900       | 60,300       | 65,200          | - 4.0                                    | - 11.2                                   |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec.....    | 50,100       | 52,100       | 59,000          | - 3.8                                    | - 15.1                                   |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 48,300       | 49,700       | 51,300          | - 2.8                                    | - 5.8                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 82,700       | 84,300       | 85,500          | - 1.9                                    | - 3.3                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 25,600*      | 26,800*      | 29,600          | - 4.5                                    | - 13.5                                   |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 7,200        | 7,300        | 7,100           | - 1.4                                    | + 1.4                                    |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 111,000      | 114,600      | 116,900         | - 3.1                                    | - 5.0                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,200       | 12,200       | 12,400          | 0.0                                      | - 1.6                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 6,900        | 7,200        | 7,800           | - 4.2                                    | - 11.5                                   |
| Apparel.....                | 9,000        | 11,000       | 10,000          | - 18.2                                   | - 10.0                                   |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,200        | 6,300        | 6,100           | - 1.6                                    | + 1.6                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,600        | 9,800        | 10,200          | - 2.0                                    | - 5.9                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,400       | 25,700       | 25,200          | - 1.2                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 18,800       | 18,700       | 19,800          | + 0.5                                    | - 5.1                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.    | 11,100       | 11,400       | 12,400          | - 2.6                                    | - 10.5                                   |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 11,800       | 12,300       | 13,000          | - 4.1                                    | - 9.2                                    |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,006,300*   | 1,017,200*   | 998,700         | - 1.1                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Construction.....           | 54,600       | 52,800*      | 55,100          | + 3.4                                    | - 0.9                                    |
| Transportation.....         | 29,400       | 31,800       | 29,900          | - 7.6                                    | - 1.7                                    |
| Motor Freight & Warehsg     | 12,600       | 12,500       | 12,500          | + 0.9                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Other Transportation...     | 16,800       | 19,300       | 17,400          | - 13.0                                   | - 3.4                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,400       | 18,200       | 18,200          | + 1.1                                    | + 1.1                                    |
| Utilities.....              | 11,600       | 11,600       | 11,500          | 0.0                                      | + 0.8                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 306,100      | 307,800      | 303,600         | - 0.6                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 81,100       | 80,400       | 77,600          | + 0.9                                    | + 4.5                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 225,000      | 227,400      | 226,000         | - 1.1                                    | - 0.4                                    |
| General Merchandise...      | 29,800       | 30,500       | 30,400          | - 2.3                                    | - 2.0                                    |
| Food Stores.....            | 41,200       | 40,800       | 40,100          | + 1.0                                    | + 2.7                                    |
| Auto Dealers & Gas.Sta      | 24,200       | 24,400       | 24,700          | - 0.8                                    | - 2.0                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 66,600       | 67,700       | 67,400          | - 1.6                                    | - 1.2                                    |
| Other Retail Trade....      | 63,200       | 64,000       | 63,400          | - 1.2                                    | - 0.3                                    |
| Finance, Ins. & R.E.....    | 117,200      | 116,000      | 112,000         | + 1.0                                    | + 4.6                                    |
| Banking.....                | 28,900       | 28,600       | 27,000          | + 1.1                                    | + 7.0                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 65,900       | 65,100       | 62,800          | + 1.2                                    | + 4.9                                    |
| Real Estate.....            | 10,400       | 10,300       | 10,300          | + 1.0                                    | + 1.0                                    |
| Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.     | 12,000       | 12,000       | 11,900          | 0.0                                      | + 0.8                                    |
| Services.....               | 302,200*     | 300,600      | 293,300         | + 0.5                                    | + 3.0                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 8,000        | 6,900        | 7,600           | + 15.9                                   | + 5.2                                    |
| Personal Services.....      | 14,200       | 14,500       | 13,700          | - 2.1                                    | + 3.6                                    |
| Business Services.....      | 61,400       | 61,000       | 58,300          | + 0.7                                    | + 5.3                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 100,800*     | 101,200      | 99,200          | - 0.4                                    | + 1.6                                    |
| Law & Professional.....     | 21,200       | 21,200       | 20,300          | 0.0                                      | + 4.4                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 25,500       | 27,000       | 24,700          | - 5.6                                    | + 3.2                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 71,100       | 68,800       | 69,500          | + 3.3                                    | + 2.3                                    |
| Government.....             | 166,800      | 178,400      | 175,100         | - 6.5                                    | - 4.7                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,800       | 21,500       | 21,700          | + 1.4                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 145,000      | 156,900      | 153,400         | - 7.6                                    | - 5.5                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes  
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - JULY 1982  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                   | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                   | July<br>1982            | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 | July<br>1982         | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 | July<br>1982            | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and<br>Related Workers) | \$331.60                | \$330.04     | \$317.95     | 40.0                 | 40.2         | 41.4         | \$8.29                  | \$8.21       | \$7.68       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                       | 343.36                  | 343.07       | 328.18       | 40.3                 | 40.6         | 41.7         | 8.52                    | 8.45         | 7.87         |
| Primary Metals.....                               | 363.94                  | 363.96       | 367.16       | 40.8                 | 41.5         | 43.4         | 8.92                    | 8.77         | 8.46         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                            | 310.80                  | 310.71       | 304.50       | 40.0                 | 40.3         | 42.0         | 7.77                    | 7.71         | 7.25         |
| Machinery.....                                    | 359.96                  | 365.38       | 356.44       | 40.4                 | 41.1         | 43.1         | 8.90                    | 8.89         | 8.27         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                         | 268.42                  | 268.31       | 269.93       | 39.3                 | 39.4         | 41.4         | 6.83                    | 6.81         | 6.52         |
| Transportation Equipment...                       | 420.02                  | 414.73       | 368.32       | 40.7                 | 40.7         | 39.1         | 10.32                   | 10.19        | 9.42         |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                         | 316.50                  | 320.88       | 312.84       | 42.2                 | 42.5         | 44.0         | 7.50                    | 7.55         | 7.11         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                           | 276.31                  | 280.42       | 276.38       | 39.7                 | 40.7         | 43.8         | 6.96                    | 6.89         | 6.31         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                      | 301.06                  | 297.16       | 290.39       | 39.2                 | 39.1         | 40.5         | 7.68                    | 7.60         | 7.17         |
| Food.....                                         | 305.73                  | 301.82       | 309.75       | 39.5                 | 39.3         | 41.3         | 7.74                    | 7.68         | 7.50         |
| Textiles.....                                     | 235.99                  | 243.81       | 233.63       | 37.4                 | 37.8         | 39.8         | 6.31                    | 6.45         | 5.87         |
| Apparel.....                                      | 189.16                  | 183.73       | 182.50       | 34.9                 | 34.6         | 35.3         | 5.42                    | 5.31         | 5.17         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                           | 236.46                  | 244.55       | 228.14       | 38.7                 | 39.7         | 39.2         | 6.11                    | 6.16         | 5.82         |
| Paper.....                                        | 383.80                  | 374.25       | 362.15       | 45.1                 | 44.5         | 45.9         | 8.51                    | 8.41         | 7.89         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                        | 311.95                  | 309.86       | 292.56       | 36.7                 | 36.8         | 36.8         | 8.50                    | 8.42         | 7.95         |
| Chemicals.....                                    | 372.28                  | 376.58       | 363.36       | 41.0                 | 40.8         | 42.3         | 9.08                    | 9.23         | 8.59         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                       | 275.89                  | 273.53       | 275.46       | 39.3                 | 39.3         | 41.8         | 7.02                    | 6.96         | 6.59         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                        | 327.64                  | 324.01       | 315.03       | 40.4                 | 40.4         | 42.4         | 8.11                    | 8.02         | 7.43         |
| Construction.....                                 | 501.58                  | 496.67       | 459.27       | 37.6                 | 37.4         | 37.8         | 13.34                   | 13.28        | 12.15        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | July 1982  | Ratio          | June 1982  | Ratio          | July 1981(R) | Ratio          |
|------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                          | Number     | to Labor Force | Number     | to Labor Force | Number       | to Labor Force |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 114,900    | 7.1            | 113,600    | 6.9            | 102,000      | 6.4            |
| Seasonally Adjusted....                  |            | (6.9)          |            | (6.9)          |              | (6.0)          |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |            |                |            |                |              |                |
| Ansonia.....                             | 2,000      | 12.0           | 1,900      | 11.5           | 1,600        | 9.8            |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 15,300     | 7.8            | 15,100     | 7.7            | 12,200       | 6.3            |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,700      | 10.6           | 3,900      | 10.8           | 2,900        | 8.1            |
| Danbury.....                             | 6,300      | 6.3            | 5,700      | 5.7            | 5,600        | 5.8            |
| Danielson.....                           | 3,100      | 10.8           | 3,000      | 10.5           | 2,600        | 9.1            |
| Hartford.....                            | 26,500     | 6.7            | 25,400     | 6.4            | 22,300       | 5.8            |
| Meriden.....                             | 3,100      | 11.2           | 2,900      | 10.5           | 2,400        | 9.3            |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,600      | 6.2            | 3,600      | 6.1            | 3,500        | 6.0            |
| New Britain.....                         | 7,100      | 9.7            | 7,300      | 9.6            | 5,300        | 7.3            |
| New Haven.....                           | 13,800     | 6.9            | 14,900     | 7.3            | 14,000       | 7.0            |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 6,500      | 5.8            | 6,300      | 5.6            | 6,900        | 6.3            |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,500      | 4.4            | 3,600      | 4.5            | 3,700        | 4.7            |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,800      | 3.8            | 4,500      | 3.5            | 4,900        | 3.9            |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,200      | 9.9            | 4,000      | 9.6            | 3,600        | 8.5            |
| Waterbury.....                           | 10,000     | 9.0            | 10,200     | 9.2            | 9,200        | 8.6            |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,400      | 5.9            | 1,300      | 5.4            | 1,300        | 5.4            |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 11,036,000 | 9.8            | 10,886,000 | 9.8            | 8,130,000    | 7.3            |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |            | (9.8)          |            | (9.5)          |              | (7.2)          |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | July '82 | June '82 | July '81 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 292.2    | 290.6    | 274.4    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | +0.6     | +6.5     |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | July '82 | June '82 | July '81(R) | Percent Change to<br>July 1982 from: |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |          |          |             | June '82                             | July '81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 7,900    | 8,130    | 8,360       | - 2.8                                | - 5.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 2,690    | 2,740    | 3,190       | - 1.8                                | -15.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,210    | 5,390    | 5,170       | - 3.3                                | + 0.8    |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 166,760  | 168,060  | 169,240     | - 0.8                                | - 1.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 62,550   | 62,650   | 65,180      | - 0.2                                | - 4.0    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 104,210  | 105,410  | 104,060     | - 1.1                                | + 0.1    |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,950   | 22,700   | 23,380      | - 3.3                                | - 6.1    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,530    | 8,590    | 10,070      | - 0.7                                | -15.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,420   | 14,110   | 13,310      | - 4.9                                | + 0.8    |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,070   | 69,950   | 68,580      | - 2.7                                | - 0.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 24,530   | 25,150   | 26,060      | - 2.5                                | - 5.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,540   | 44,800   | 42,520      | - 2.8                                | + 2.4    |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 18,400   | 19,170   | 19,320      | - 4.0                                | - 4.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 8,240    | 8,540    | 9,250       | - 3.5                                | -10.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,160   | 10,630   | 10,070      | - 4.4                                | + 0.9    |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 393,010  | 398,740  | 394,340     | - 1.4                                | - 0.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 89,160   | 90,470   | 95,340      | - 1.4                                | - 6.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 303,850  | 308,270  | 299,000     | - 1.4                                | + 1.6    |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,290   | 21,810   | 21,030      | - 2.4                                | + 1.2    |
| Manufacturing             | 5,360    | 5,510    | 5,320       | - 2.7                                | + 0.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,930   | 16,300   | 15,710      | - 2.3                                | + 1.4    |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 44,640   | 45,480   | 45,700      | - 1.8                                | - 2.3    |
| Manufacturing             | 14,040   | 14,360   | 15,510      | - 2.2                                | - 9.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 30,600   | 31,120   | 30,190      | - 1.7                                | + 1.4    |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 58,160*  | 60,840*  | 61,470      | - 3.7                                | - 4.7    |
| Manufacturing             | 25,010*  | 25,790*  | 28,450      | - 3.0                                | -12.1    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 33,600*  | 35,050   | 33,020      | - 4.1                                | + 1.8    |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 186,910* | 188,500* | 186,010*    | - 0.8                                | + 0.5    |
| Manufacturing             | 38,980*  | 38,740*  | 41,290*     | + 0.6                                | - 5.6    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 147,930* | 149,760* | 144,720     | - 1.2                                | + 2.2    |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 96,010*  | 96,740*  | 95,110      | - 0.8                                | + 0.9    |
| Manufacturing             | 34,700   | 35,150   | 34,860      | - 1.3                                | - 0.5    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 61,310*  | 61,590*  | 60,250      | - 0.5                                | + 1.8    |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |          |          |             |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,980   | 65,300   | 64,480      | - 0.5                                | + 0.8    |
| Manufacturing             | 20,390   | 20,280   | 21,000      | + 0.5                                | - 2.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,590   | 45,020   | 43,480      | - 1.0                                | + 2.6    |



# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | July '82 | June '82 | July '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>July 1982 from: |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
|                      |          |          |              | June '82                             | July '81 |
| STAMFORD             |          |          |              |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 113,150  | 114,490  | 112,830      | - 1.2                                | + 0.3    |
| Manufacturing        | 30,950   | 31,310   | 31,960       | - 1.1                                | - 3.2    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 82,200   | 83,180   | 80,870       | - 1.2                                | + 1.6    |
| TORRINGTON           |          |          |              |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,180   | 28,510   | 29,310       | - 1.2                                | - 3.9    |
| Manufacturing        | 9,810    | 9,970    | 10,510       | - 1.6                                | - 6.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,370   | 18,540   | 18,800       | - 0.9                                | - 2.3    |
| WATERBURY            |          |          |              |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,520   | 88,190   | 87,520       | - 0.8                                | 0.0      |
| Manufacturing        | 29,660   | 30,450   | 31,170       | - 2.6                                | - 4.8    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 57,860   | 57,740   | 56,350       | + 0.2                                | + 2.7    |
| WILLIMANTIC          |          |          |              |                                      |          |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 17,920   | 18,170   | 18,280       | - 1.4                                | - 2.0    |
| Manufacturing        | 2,780    | 2,850    | 2,800        | - 2.5                                | - 0.7    |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 15,140   | 15,320   | 15,480       | - 1.2                                | - 2.2    |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | July<br>1982            | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 | July<br>1982         | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 | July<br>1982            | June<br>1982 | July<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$374.82                | \$357.94     | \$381.60     | 42.4                 | 40.4         | 45.7         | \$8.84                  | \$8.86       | \$8.35       |
| Bridgeport  | 352.77                  | 346.92       | 341.91       | 41.6                 | 41.3         | 42.9         | 8.48                    | 8.40         | 7.97         |
| Bristol     | 364.02                  | 357.35       | 367.16       | 39.1                 | 38.8         | 41.3         | 9.31                    | 9.21         | 8.89         |
| Danbury     | 320.45                  | 314.34       | 308.42       | 42.5                 | 41.8         | 43.5         | 7.54                    | 7.52         | 7.09         |
| Danielson   | 277.81                  | 284.09       | 258.02       | 38.8                 | 39.9         | 38.8         | 7.16                    | 7.12         | 6.65         |
| Hartford    | 351.43                  | 356.47       | 328.86       | 39.8                 | 40.6         | 40.5         | 8.83                    | 8.78         | 8.12         |
| Meriden     | 317.24                  | 310.84       | 284.96       | 41.2                 | 40.9         | 41.6         | 7.70                    | 7.60         | 6.85         |
| Middletown  | 343.94                  | 335.55       | 319.56       | 39.9                 | 39.2         | 39.5         | 8.62                    | 8.56         | 8.09         |
| New Britain | 339.73                  | 338.15       | 331.57       | 40.3                 | 40.4         | 42.4         | 8.43                    | 8.37         | 7.82         |
| New Haven   | 320.30                  | 311.08       | 303.75       | 39.3                 | 38.5         | 40.5         | 8.15                    | 8.08         | 7.50         |
| New London- | 344.99                  | 340.49       | 315.99       | 39.7                 | 39.5         | 40.1         | 8.69                    | 8.62         | 7.88         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 324.99                  | 322.22       | 328.50       | 41.4                 | 41.1         | 45.0         | 7.85                    | 7.84         | 7.30         |
| Stamford    | 306.06                  | 301.78       | 298.19       | 39.8                 | 39.5         | 41.3         | 7.69                    | 7.64         | 7.22         |
| Torrington  | 233.36                  | 237.46       | 241.08       | 37.7                 | 38.3         | 41.0         | 6.19                    | 6.20         | 5.88         |
| Waterbury   | 271.47                  | 277.89       | 267.73       | 39.4                 | 40.1         | 41.0         | 6.89                    | 6.93         | 6.53         |
| Willimantic | 249.38                  | 247.78       | 263.16       | 37.5                 | 37.6         | 43.0         | 6.65                    | 6.59         | 6.12         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment |               | Av. Weekly |               | Rate Total   |               |
|---------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|         | Nonag.     | (Thous.)      | Initial    | Claims        | Unemployment |               |
|         | Actual     | Seas.<br>Adj. | Actual     | Seas.<br>Adj. | Actual       | Seas.<br>Adj. |
| 1981    |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Jan.... | 1418.4     | 1433.2        | 7433       | 5402          | 6.7          | 6.1           |
| Feb.... | 1414.7     | 1435.5        | 4533       | 5168          | 6.7          | 6.1           |
| Mar.... | 1422.9     | 1436.0        | 4055       | 5344          | 6.3          | 6.0           |
| Apr.... | 1435.5     | 1434.5        | 4644       | 5210          | 6.1          | 6.1           |
| May.... | 1448.7     | 1437.7        | 3941       | 5355          | 5.7          | 6.0           |
| Jun.... | 1457.8     | 1437.9        | 5786       | 6065          | 6.1          | 6.0           |
| Jul.... | 1432.7     | 1443.7        | 8374       | 5379          | 6.4          | 6.0           |
| Aug.... | 1426.4     | 1441.8        | 5877       | 5830          | 6.2          | 6.1           |
| Sep.... | 1441.3     | 1438.0        | 3896       | 6174          | 5.6          | 6.2           |
| Oct.... | 1441.9     | 1435.3        | 4729       | 6564          | 5.8          | 6.4           |
| Nov.... | 1446.0     | 1433.8        | 5751       | 7042          | 6.0          | 6.5           |
| Dec.... | 1447.1     | 1428.8        | 10279      | 6196          | 6.4          | 6.6           |
| 1982    |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Jan.... | 1417.7     | 1432.0        | 8581       | 6236          | 7.7          | 6.5           |
| Feb.... | 1409.6     | 1429.6        | 5890       | 6716          | 7.6          | 6.8           |
| Mar.... | 1413.9     | 1426.7        | 5394       | 7107          | 7.1          | 7.0           |
| Apr.... | 1417.7     | 1416.3        | 6211       | 6971          | 6.9          | 7.3           |
| May.... | 1425.2     | 1413.9        | 6148       | 8353          | 6.5          | 7.3           |
| Jun.... | 1429.4     | 1409.7        | 7493       | 7855          | 6.9          | 6.9           |
| Jul.... | 1406.4     | 1417.7        | 10612      | 6816          | 7.1          | 6.9           |
| Aug.... |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Sep.... |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Oct.... |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Nov.... |            |               |            |               |              |               |
| Dec.... |            |               |            |               |              |               |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |               | Average Work- |               | Mfg. Output |               |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
|         | Millions (R)    | Registrations |               | Week Hours    |               | (1967=100)  |               |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas.<br>Adj. | Actual        | Seas.<br>Adj. | Actual      | Seas.<br>Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Jan.... | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565         | 42.1          | 41.8          | 119.7       | 115.1         |
| Feb.... | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347          | 41.8          | 41.9          | 119.4       | 115.4         |
| Mar.... | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435          | 41.8          | 41.8          | 120.3       | 115.2         |
| Apr.... | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049         | 41.5          | 41.7          | 119.3       | 115.7         |
| May.... | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845          | 41.6          | 41.8          | 119.3       | 116.1         |
| Jun.... | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104          | 41.8          | 41.9          | 121.4       | 117.4         |
| Jul.... | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015          | 41.4          | 41.7          | 104.0       | 117.4         |
| Aug.... | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130          | 41.3          | 41.7          | 104.7       | 118.7         |
| Sep.... | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430          | 41.0          | 41.2          | 119.3       | 117.6         |
| Oct.... | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419          | 41.3          | 41.3          | 119.0       | 116.6         |
| Nov.... | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297         | 41.4          | 41.0          | 118.8       | 114.5         |
| Dec.... | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415          | 41.7          | 41.0          | 107.0       | 112.9         |
| 1982    |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Jan.... | 3540.0          | 6380          | 7359          | 40.9          | 40.6          | 117.0       | 112.5         |
| Feb.... | 3559.9          | 4919          | 6080          | 40.8          | 40.9          | 115.0       | 111.2         |
| Mar.... | 3578.7          | 9368          | 7698          | 40.9          | 40.9          | 115.3       | 110.4         |
| Apr.... | 3592.3          | 5286          | 5068          | 40.6          | 40.8          | 113.6       | 110.2         |
| May.... | 3612.4          | 8632          | 7847          | 40.5          | 40.7          | 112.8       | 109.8         |
| Jun.... | 3626.7          | 9845          | 8728          | 40.2          | 40.2          | 111.3       | 107.6         |
| Jul.... | 3666.4          | 8391          | 8076          | 40.0          | 40.3          | 93.1        | 105.1         |
| Aug.... |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Sep.... |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Oct.... |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Nov.... |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |
| Dec.... |                 |               |               |               |               |             |               |

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# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

Although a vast majority of the persons at work in Connecticut are covered under provisions of the State or Federal Unemployment Compensation (U.C.) Laws, only about six in every ten of the unemployed jobseekers are so covered and are eligible to file for jobless benefits. Most of the noncovered jobseekers are persons newly entering the labor force - or reentering after a period of absence - and they have not earned the required wage credits during the so-called base period, the first four of the five most recently completed calendar quarters. In addition, many persons who did work in covered employment during the base period are found to be ineligible for benefits for a variety of reasons, and as a result, in mid-July 1982 only about 51,000 of the 114,900 persons estimated as unemployed in the State were filing for unemployment benefits.

The data presented in this report and in the accompanying tables describe the eligible jobseeking groups which were filing claims for U.C. benefits during the mid-weeks of July 1981 and 1982. The data were collected through a sampling of claims taken in the Unemployment Compensation offices across the state, and were expanded to the summary count of all claims taken.

Over the past year there has been a gradual increase in both total and insured unemployment, and by July 1982 the level of insured unemployment was up by 12,188 or 31.3 percent from the count in mid-July 1981. At the same time, the average duration for which claimants were out of work (at the time of each survey) increased from 9.7 weeks in July 1981 to 10.1 weeks in July 1982. Both observations clearly indicate that the State's economy has been bending under the persisting recessionary pressures. Nevertheless, the fact that unemployment in Connecticut is not higher is evidence of the relative strength of its economy. As of the week ending July 24, 1982, thirty-eight other states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands reported insured unemployment rates higher than Connecticut's 3.26 percent.

In respect to industry of last attachment, the greatest increase in the number of insured unemployed occurred in the manufacturing sector where there were 10,480 or 62.5 percent more individuals filing claims than a year earlier. The effect of the current economic slowdown on the State's manufacturing firms is further evidenced by the fact that in July 1981 only 43 percent of all insured unemployed had last worked in manufacturing, while in July 1982 well over half were former manufacturing workers. This turnaround occurred in spite of an increase of more than 1,700 insured unemployed in the nonmanufacturing sector as well.

Among the industries in the nonmanufacturing sector, those most greatly affected by the current high costs of borrowing show the greatest adverse effects. The number of insured unemployed increased by 36.6 percent among construction workers, 15.3 percent among wholesale and retail trade employees and 15.4 percent among those in finance, insurance and real estate. A 48.9 percent drop in the number of insured unemployed who had formerly worked in State or local government is attributed to the budgeting cycle. Those laid off from government jobs during 1981 have not generally been rehired by government but have since either exhausted unemployment benefits or have found other employment. In the meantime government layoffs have slowed as the means have been found, at least for the current fiscal year, to continue program operations at reduced levels.

At the time of the most recent survey, the average number of weeks an individual was unemployed increased in all industries except manufacturing, which dropped from 9.7 to 9.5 weeks. This shortening of the average duration in manufacturing was due to the large number of recent layoffs in this sector. Like the other industries, the average unemployment duration for manufacturing workers is expected to increase over the next several months.

A breakdown of the data by occupational category reveals increases in insured unemployment in all categories except the services and the farming, fishery and forestry groups which over the past year showed decreases of 20.1 percent and 10.1 percent, respectively. The largest increases were experienced by persons in those occupations which are normally found in the manufacturing sector: Machine trades - up 55.5 percent; processing - up 47.7 percent; and bench work - up 27.7 percent. Similarly, a rise of 28.6 percent in the number of insured unemployed in the structural work category can be linked to the experience of the construction industry over the period.

The insured unemployed population was younger in July 1982 than in July 1981 as the proportion of claimants under 25 grew to 20.1 percent from 18.7 percent while the proportions fell in all age groups over 35 years. The median age in July 1982 was 35.0 years as compared to 36.1 years in the July 1981 sample. Because of the higher levels of unemployment being experienced in 1982, the absolute number of insured unemployed was higher in all age groups than a year earlier.

Almost all of the age group changes were affected by the changes in the age groups for women. Most significant was the rise from 15.5 percent in July 1981 to 20.1 percent in July 1982 in the proportion of insured unemployed women under 25 and the corresponding overall decrease in the median age of insured unemployed women from 39.2 years to 36.9 years. The percent distribution by age group for men was relatively stable for the months being compared.

The final column on the table shows that in July 1982, when unemployment was higher, women made up a smaller proportion of the total number of insured unemployed. This coincides with the increased layoffs in 1982 in the manufacturing sector, the work force of which is more heavily made up of male workers. A look at this statistic by age group shows that the proportion of women to total diminished in all age groups except the "Under 25" category. Their proportionate increase in this latter category is not readily explained, although it may be an indication of the increasing trend of young women to enter the workforce immediately upon leaving school.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

## INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

| Industry of Last Attachment   | Insured Unemployed |           |               |                | Avg. Duration (in weeks) |           |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                               | July 1982          | July 1981 | Change Number | Change Percent | July 1982                | July 1981 |
| TOTAL                         | 51,131             | 38,943    | +12,188       | + 31.3         | 10.1                     | 9.7       |
| Manufacturing                 | 27,256             | 16,776    | +10,480       | + 62.5         | 9.5                      | 9.7       |
| Nonmanufacturing              | 23,875             | 22,167    | + 1,708       | + 7.7          | 10.8                     | 9.6       |
| Constr.&Mining                | 5,084              | 3,723     | + 1,361       | + 36.6         | 11.2                     | 10.0      |
| Transp., Comm. & Utilities    | 2,218              | 2,326     | - 108         | - 4.6          | 9.0                      | 7.7       |
| Trade                         | 7,683              | 6,662     | + 1,021       | + 15.3         | 11.1                     | 9.7       |
| Finance, Insur. & Real Estate | 1,384              | 1,199     | + 185         | + 15.4         | 11.7                     | 11.0      |
| Services                      | 6,299              | 6,427     | - 128         | - 2.0          | 10.8                     | 10.0      |
| Public Admin.                 | 861                | 1,686     | - 825         | - 48.9         | 9.6                      | 8.9       |
| All Other                     | 346                | 144       | + 202         | +140.3         | 10.7                     | 10.0      |

| Occupational Category       | Insured Unemployed |           |               |                | Avg. Duration (in weeks) |           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                             | July 1982          | July 1981 | Change Number | Change Percent | July 1982                | July 1981 |
| TOTAL                       | 51,131             | 38,943    | +12,188       | + 31.3         | 10.1                     | 9.7       |
| Prof., Tech., & Managerial  | 6,332              | 5,607     | + 725         | + 12.9         | 11.4                     | 9.6       |
| Clerical & Sales            | 7,999              | 7,203     | + 796         | + 11.1         | 11.1                     | 10.5      |
| Services                    | 2,678              | 3,353     | - 675         | - 20.1         | 10.9                     | 9.6       |
| Farming, Fishery & Forestry | 284                | 316       | - 32          | - 10.1         | 12.2                     | 11.1      |
| Processing                  | 1,357              | 919       | + 438         | + 47.7         | 11.6                     | 11.1      |
| Machine Trades              | 7,289              | 4,688     | + 2,601       | + 55.5         | 11.3                     | 10.5      |
| Bench Work                  | 3,662              | 2,867     | + 795         | + 27.7         | 11.6                     | 10.3      |
| Structural Work             | 5,737              | 4,462     | + 1,275       | + 28.6         | 11.1                     | 10.4      |
| Miscellaneous               | 4,868              | 4,300     | + 568         | + 13.2         | 10.4                     | 9.2       |
| Info. Not Avail.            | 10,925             | 5,228     | + 5,697       | +109.0         | 6.4                      | 6.8       |

## INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

| Age Group  | Insured Unemployed |                  |           |                  | Men       |                  |           |                  | Women     |                  |           |                  | Women as a Percent of All Insured Unemp. By Age Group |           |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|            | July 1982          |                  | July 1981 |                  | July 1982 |                  | July 1981 |                  | July 1982 |                  | July 1981 |                  | July 1982                                             | July 1981 |
|            | Number             | Percent Distrib. | Number    | Percent Distrib. | Number    | Percent Distrib. | Number    | Percent Distrib. | Number    | Percent Distrib. | Number    | Percent Distrib. |                                                       |           |
| TOTAL      | 51,131             | 100.0            | 38,943    | 100.0            | 31,746    | 100.0            | 22,627    | 100.0            | 19,385    | 100.0            | 16,316    | 100.0            | 37.9                                                  | 41.9      |
| Under 25   | 10,269             | 20.1             | 7,284     | 18.7             | 6,367     | 20.1             | 4,760     | 21.0             | 3,902     | 20.1             | 2,524     | 15.5             | 38.0                                                  | 34.7      |
| 25-34      | 15,288             | 29.9             | 11,340    | 29.1             | 10,278    | 32.4             | 7,212     | 31.9             | 5,010     | 25.8             | 4,128     | 25.3             | 32.8                                                  | 36.4      |
| 35-44      | 9,861              | 19.3             | 7,897     | 20.3             | 5,826     | 18.4             | 4,318     | 19.1             | 4,035     | 20.8             | 3,579     | 21.9             | 40.9                                                  | 45.3      |
| 45-54      | 7,564              | 14.8             | 5,859     | 15.0             | 4,478     | 14.1             | 2,830     | 12.5             | 3,086     | 15.9             | 3,029     | 18.6             | 40.8                                                  | 51.7      |
| 55-64      | 6,934              | 13.6             | 5,481     | 14.1             | 3,928     | 12.4             | 2,975     | 13.1             | 3,006     | 15.5             | 2,506     | 15.4             | 43.3                                                  | 45.7      |
| 65 & over  | 1,215              | 2.4              | 1,082     | 2.8              | 869       | 2.7              | 532       | 2.4              | 346       | 1.8              | 550       | 3.4              | 28.5                                                  | 50.8      |
| Median Age | 35.0               |                  | 36.1      |                  | 34.2      |                  | 34.1      |                  | 36.9      |                  | 39.2      |                  |                                                       |           |

NOTE: Percents of totals may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.



# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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Connecticut's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 6.9 to 6.6 percent in August when vacation shutdowns and other seasonal factors lowered employment, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro in a monthly economic review. Elsewhere in the August economy, personal income of state residents set another record high, factory wages held steady and there was a slight increase in manufacturing output.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Summer factory closings, other seasonal factors and labor management disputes in the machinery and construction industries combined to bring nonfarm employment down by 10,600 to 1,395,800 (page 2). Hotel, apparel manufacturing and food store employment were among categories recording small seasonal increases from July. Compared with August 1981, statewide employment was off by 2.1 percent.

Average weekly wages and hourly earnings of factory production workers were unchanged at \$331.60 and \$8.29, respectively for the same 40-hour workweek (page 3). The hourly wage increased by 62-cents or \$14.83 weekly during the year and the workweek was shorter, 40 compared with 41.3 hours last year. Adjusted for a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings remained at \$8.07 or \$322.80 a week, up 9.3 percent from \$7.38 and \$295.14 a year ago. Once again, factory workers in Ansonia and Bristol were paid the highest weekly wage, \$374.69 and \$358.36, respectively, followed by Hartford \$355.29; New London-Norwich, \$351.28, and Bridgeport, \$350.92 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment in the state dropped to a seasonally adjusted rate of 6.6 percent (page 4) in August and continued substantially under the nation's 9.8 percent figure. It was 6.9 percent in July in Connecticut and 6.1 percent in August 1981. Total unemployment last month was 105,200, down from 114,900 in July and 6,600 higher than a year earlier. Each of the 16 labor market areas had lower unemployment rates.

Other Indicators: Other monitored indicators of the Connecticut economy (page 7) showed an increase in new automobile registrations, seasonally adjusted gain in manufacturing output, decline in new weekly filings for unemployment benefits in addition to lower unemployment and another high for personal income.

# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

August 1982

|                             | Aug.<br>1982 | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 (R) | % Change<br>Aug. '82<br>over<br>July '82 | % Change<br>Aug. '82<br>over<br>Aug. '81 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,395,800*   | 1,406,400*   | 1,426,400*       | - 0.8                                    | - 2.1                                    |
| Manufacturing.....          | 392,200*     | 400,100*     | 430,000          | - 2.0                                    | - 8.8                                    |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 281,300*     | 289,100*     | 312,400          | - 2.7                                    | - 10.0                                   |
| Primary Metals.....         | 17,000       | 17,300       | 19,400           | - 1.7                                    | - 12.4                                   |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 57,800       | 57,900       | 64,600           | - 0.2                                    | - 10.5                                   |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec....     | 48,100*      | 50,100       | 57,800           | - 4.0                                    | - 16.8                                   |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 48,300       | 48,300       | 51,200           | 0.0                                      | - 5.7                                    |
| Transportation Equip....    | 78,700       | 82,700       | 83,100           | - 4.8                                    | - 5.3                                    |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 24,600       | 25,600*      | 29,100           | - 3.9                                    | - 15.5                                   |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 6,800        | 7,200        | 7,200            | - 5.6                                    | - 5.6                                    |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 110,900      | 111,000      | 117,600          | - 0.1                                    | - 5.7                                    |
| Food.....                   | 12,200       | 12,200       | 12,400           | 0.0                                      | - 1.6                                    |
| Textiles.....               | 7,000        | 6,900        | 8,100            | + 1.4                                    | - 13.6                                   |
| Apparel.....                | 9,400        | 9,000        | 10,600           | + 4.4                                    | - 11.3                                   |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,100        | 6,200        | 6,200            | - 1.6                                    | - 1.6                                    |
| Paper.....                  | 9,700        | 9,600        | 10,100           | + 1.0                                    | - 4.0                                    |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,200       | 25,400       | 25,100           | - 0.8                                    | + 0.4                                    |
| Chemicals.....              | 18,500       | 18,800       | 19,800           | - 1.6                                    | - 6.6                                    |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics..   | 11,200       | 11,100       | 12,400           | + 0.9                                    | - 9.7                                    |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 11,600       | 11,800       | 12,900           | - 1.7                                    | - 10.1                                   |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,003,600*   | 1,006,300*   | 996,400*         | - 0.3                                    | + 0.7                                    |
| Construction.....           | 53,900*      | 54,600       | 54,900*          | - 1.3                                    | - 1.8                                    |
| Transportation.....         | 29,500       | 29,400       | 29,800           | + 0.3                                    | - 1.0                                    |
| Motor Freight & Warehsg     | 12,600       | 12,600       | 12,500           | 0.0                                      | + 0.8                                    |
| Other Transportation...     | 16,900       | 16,800       | 17,300           | + 0.6                                    | - 2.3                                    |
| Communications.....         | 18,300       | 18,400       | 18,300           | - 0.5                                    | 0.0                                      |
| Utilities.....              | 11,700       | 11,600       | 11,500           | + 0.9                                    | + 1.7                                    |
| Trade.....                  | 306,000      | 306,100      | 302,900          | 0.0                                      | + 1.0                                    |
| Wholesale.....              | 81,100       | 81,100       | 77,700           | 0.0                                      | + 4.4                                    |
| Retail.....                 | 224,900      | 225,000      | 225,200          | 0.0                                      | - 0.1                                    |
| General Merchandise...      | 29,800       | 29,800       | 29,900           | 0.0                                      | - 0.3                                    |
| Food Stores.....            | 41,400       | 41,200       | 39,900           | + 0.5                                    | + 3.8                                    |
| Auto Dealers & Gas Sta      | 24,200       | 24,200       | 24,700           | 0.0                                      | - 2.0                                    |
| Restaurants.....            | 66,400       | 66,600       | 67,400           | - 0.3                                    | - 1.5                                    |
| Other Retail Trade....      | 63,100       | 63,200       | 63,300           | - 0.2                                    | - 0.3                                    |
| Finance, Ins. & R.E....     | 117,100      | 117,200      | 111,900          | - 0.1                                    | + 4.6                                    |
| Banking.....                | 28,800       | 28,900       | 27,000           | - 0.3                                    | + 6.7                                    |
| Insurance.....              | 65,800       | 65,900       | 62,600           | - 0.2                                    | + 5.1                                    |
| Real Estate.....            | 10,400       | 10,400       | 10,300           | 0.0                                      | + 1.0                                    |
| Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.     | 12,100       | 12,000       | 12,000           | + 0.8                                    | + 0.8                                    |
| Services.....               | 301,600      | 302,200*     | 293,400          | - 0.2                                    | + 2.8                                    |
| Hotels.....                 | 8,500        | 8,000        | 7,800            | + 6.2                                    | + 9.0                                    |
| Personal Services.....      | 14,300       | 14,200       | 13,800           | + 0.7                                    | + 3.6                                    |
| Business Services.....      | 61,400       | 61,400       | 59,100           | 0.0                                      | + 3.9                                    |
| Health Services.....        | 100,500      | 100,800*     | 99,000           | - 0.3                                    | + 1.5                                    |
| Law & Professional....      | 21,100       | 21,200       | 20,300           | - 0.5                                    | + 3.9                                    |
| Educational Services...     | 25,200       | 25,500       | 24,300           | - 1.2                                    | + 3.7                                    |
| Other Services.....         | 70,600       | 71,100       | 69,100           | - 0.7                                    | + 2.2                                    |
| Government.....             | 165,500      | 166,800      | 173,700*         | - 0.8                                    | - 4.7                                    |
| Federal.....                | 21,700       | 21,800       | 21,600*          | - 0.5                                    | + 0.5                                    |
| State & Local.....          | 143,800      | 145,000      | 152,100          | - 0.8                                    | - 5.5                                    |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

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EARNINGS AND HOURS - AUGUST 1982  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |              | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |              | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                | Aug.<br>1982            | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 | Aug.<br>1982         | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 | Aug.<br>1982            | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$331.60                | \$331.60     | \$316.77     | 40.0                 | 40.0         | 41.3         | \$8.29                  | \$8.29       | \$7.67       |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 343.76                  | 343.36       | 327.76       | 40.3                 | 40.3         | 41.7         | 8.53                    | 8.52         | 7.86         |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 365.65                  | 363.94       | 360.80       | 40.9                 | 40.8         | 42.8         | 8.94                    | 8.92         | 8.43         |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 312.40                  | 310.80       | 305.41       | 40.0                 | 40.0         | 42.3         | 7.81                    | 7.77         | 7.22         |
| Machinery.....                                 | 362.44                  | 359.56       | 357.38       | 41.0                 | 40.4         | 42.8         | 8.84                    | 8.90         | 8.35         |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 265.39                  | 268.42       | 262.75       | 38.8                 | 39.3         | 40.8         | 6.84                    | 6.83         | 6.44         |
| Transportation Equipment...                    | 425.14                  | 420.02       | 373.28       | 40.8                 | 40.7         | 39.5         | 10.42                   | 10.32        | 9.45         |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                      | 312.75                  | 316.50       | 311.18       | 41.7                 | 42.2         | 43.4         | 7.50                    | 7.50         | 7.17         |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 276.05                  | 276.31       | 275.41       | 39.1                 | 39.7         | 43.1         | 7.06                    | 6.96         | 6.39         |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                   | 302.99                  | 301.06       | 287.43       | 39.4                 | 39.2         | 40.2         | 7.69                    | 7.68         | 7.15         |
| Food.....                                      | 324.28                  | 305.73       | 311.08       | 41.1                 | 39.5         | 41.7         | 7.89                    | 7.74         | 7.46         |
| Textiles.....                                  | 236.06                  | 235.99       | 233.44       | 37.0                 | 37.4         | 39.7         | 6.38                    | 6.31         | 5.88         |
| Apparel.....                                   | 192.03                  | 189.16       | 186.38       | 36.3                 | 34.9         | 35.5         | 5.29                    | 5.42         | 5.25         |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 253.60                  | 236.46       | 233.60       | 40.0                 | 38.7         | 40.0         | 6.34                    | 6.11         | 5.84         |
| Paper.....                                     | 364.59                  | 383.80       | 367.49       | 43.3                 | 45.1         | 46.4         | 8.42                    | 8.51         | 7.92         |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 312.31                  | 311.95       | 288.00       | 36.4                 | 36.7         | 36.0         | 8.58                    | 8.50         | 8.00         |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 373.01                  | 372.28       | 351.46       | 40.9                 | 41.0         | 41.3         | 9.12                    | 9.08         | 8.51         |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                    | 276.75                  | 275.89       | 270.27       | 39.2                 | 39.3         | 41.2         | 7.06                    | 7.02         | 6.56         |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 331.28                  | 327.64       | 318.85       | 41.0                 | 40.4         | 42.4         | 8.08                    | 8.11         | 7.52         |
| Construction.....                              | 500.19                  | 501.58       | 459.80       | 37.3                 | 37.6         | 38.0         | 13.41                   | 13.34        | 12.10        |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Aug. 1982  | Ratio          | July 1982  | Ratio          | Aug. 1981(R) | Ratio          |
|------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|                                          | Number     | to Labor Force | Number     | to Labor Force | Number       | to Labor Force |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 105,200    | 6.6            | 114,900    | 7.1            | 98,600       | 6.2            |
| Seasonally Adjusted....                  |            | (6.6)          |            | (6.9)          |              | (6.1)          |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |            |                |            |                |              |                |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,700      | 10.5           | 2,000      | 12.0           | 1,500        | 9.3            |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 14,500     | 7.4            | 15,300     | 7.8            | 11,600       | 6.1            |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,400      | 10.0           | 3,700      | 10.6           | 2,900        | 8.1            |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,800      | 6.0            | 6,300      | 6.3            | 5,000        | 5.3            |
| Danielson.....                           | 2,500      | 9.1            | 3,100      | 10.8           | 2,600        | 9.1            |
| Hartford.....                            | 24,500     | 6.3            | 26,500     | 6.7            | 22,900       | 6.0            |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,800      | 10.5           | 3,100      | 11.2           | 2,600        | 10.0           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,200      | 5.6            | 3,600      | 6.2            | 3,500        | 6.0            |
| New Britain.....                         | 6,700      | 9.3            | 7,100      | 9.7            | 5,900        | 8.0            |
| New Haven.....                           | 12,800     | 6.4            | 13,800     | 6.9            | 13,100       | 6.7            |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 5,600      | 5.2            | 6,500      | 5.8            | 6,500        | 6.0            |
| Norwalk.....                             | 3,000      | 3.8            | 3,500      | 4.4            | 3,300        | 4.2            |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,400      | 3.5            | 4,800      | 3.8            | 4,700        | 3.8            |
| Torrington.....                          | 4,000      | 9.8            | 4,200      | 9.9            | 3,400        | 8.2            |
| Waterbury.....                           | 8,900      | 8.1            | 10,000     | 9.0            | 7,700        | 7.2            |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,400      | 5.7            | 1,400      | 5.9            | 1,400        | 5.7            |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 10,710,000 | 9.6            | 11,036,000 | 9.8            | 7,947,000    | 7.2            |
| Seasonally adjusted                      |            | (9.8)          |            | (9.8)          |              | (7.3)          |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | Aug. '82 | July '82 | Aug. '81 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| All Items.....          | 292.8    | 292.2    | 276.5    |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx      | + 0.2    | + 5.9    |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.



AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | August'82 | July'82    | August'81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>August'82 from: |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                           |           |            |               | July'82                              | August'81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 7,770     | 7,900      | 8,230         | - 1.6                                | - 5.6     |
| Manufacturing             | 2,590     | 2,690      | 3,040         | - 3.7                                | -14.8     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,180     | 5,210      | 5,190         | - 0.6                                | - 0.2     |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 167,020   | 166,760    | 169,440*      | + 0.2                                | - 1.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 62,450    | 62,550     | 65,180        | - 0.2                                | - 4.2     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 104,570   | 104,210    | 104,260*      | + 0.3                                | + 0.3     |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,540*   | 21,950*    | 23,250        | - 1.9                                | - 7.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 8,170     | 8,530      | 10,020        | - 4.2                                | -18.5     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,370*   | 13,420*    | 13,230        | - 0.4                                | + 1.1     |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,320    | (R)68,160* | 68,490*       | + 0.2                                | - 0.2     |
| Manufacturing             | 24,620    | 24,530*    | 25,950        | + 0.4                                | - 5.1     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,700    | (R)43,630  | 42,540*       | + 0.2                                | + 2.7     |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 18,830    | 18,400     | 19,420        | + 2.3                                | - 3.0     |
| Manufacturing             | 8,550     | 8,240      | 9,240         | + 3.8                                | - 7.5     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,280    | 10,160     | 10,180        | + 1.2                                | + 1.0     |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 388,170*  | 393,010    | 391,170*      | - 1.2                                | - 0.8     |
| Manufacturing             | 85,840    | 89,160     | 92,600        | - 3.7                                | - 7.3     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 302,330*  | 303,850    | 298,570*      | - 0.5                                | + 1.3     |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,180    | 21,290     | 20,850        | - 0.5                                | + 1.6     |
| Manufacturing             | 5,400     | 5,360      | 5,330         | + 0.7                                | + 1.3     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,780    | 15,930     | 15,520        | - 0.9                                | + 1.7     |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 44,240    | 44,640     | 45,420        | - 0.9                                | - 2.6     |
| Manufacturing             | 13,670    | 14,040     | 15,210        | - 2.6                                | -10.1     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 30,570    | 30,600     | 30,210        | - 0.1                                | + 1.2     |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 57,890*   | 58,610*    | 61,170        | - 1.2                                | - 5.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 24,130*   | 25,010*    | 28,370        | - 3.5                                | -14.9     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 33,760    | 33,600*    | 32,800        | + 0.5                                | + 2.9     |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 186,330*  | 186,910*   | 185,630*      | - 0.3                                | + 0.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 38,870*   | 38,980*    | 40,980*       | - 0.3                                | - 5.1     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 147,460*  | 147,930*   | 144,650*      | - 0.3                                | + 1.9     |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 95,180*   | 96,010*    | 95,570*       | - 0.9                                | - 0.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 33,850    | 34,700     | 34,960        | - 2.4                                | - 3.2     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 61,330*   | 61,310*    | 60,610*       | + 0.1                                | + 1.2     |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |           |            |               |                                      |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,940    | 64,980*    | 64,470        | - 0.1                                | + 0.7     |
| Manufacturing             | 20,300    | 20,390*    | 21,110        | - 0.4                                | - 3.8     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,640    | 44,590     | 43,360        | + 0.1                                | + 3.0     |

## AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | August '82 | July '82 | August '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>August '82 from: |            |
|----------------------|------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
|                      |            |          |                | July '82                              | August '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |            |          |                |                                       |            |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 111,620    | 113,150  | 112,770        | - 1.4                                 | - 1.0      |
| Manufacturing        | 29,580     | 30,950   | 31,910         | - 4.4                                 | - 7.3      |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 82,040     | 82,200   | 80,860         | - 0.2                                 | + 1.5      |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |            |          |                |                                       |            |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,070     | 28,180   | 29,400         | - 0.4                                 | - 4.5      |
| Manufacturing        | 9,590      | 9,810    | 10,490         | - 2.2                                 | - 8.6      |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,480     | 18,370   | 18,910         | + 0.6                                 | - 2.3      |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |            |          |                |                                       |            |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 87,300     | 87,520   | 87,950         | - 0.3                                 | - 0.7      |
| Manufacturing        | 29,770     | 29,660   | 31,830         | + 0.4                                 | - 6.5      |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 57,530     | 57,860   | 56,120         | - 0.6                                 | + 2.5      |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |            |          |                |                                       |            |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 17,810     | 17,920   | 18,240         | - 0.6                                 | - 2.4      |
| Manufacturing        | 2,800      | 2,780    | 2,780          | + 0.7                                 | + 0.7      |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 15,010     | 15,140   | 15,460         | - 0.9                                 | - 2.9      |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

## MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|             | Aug.<br>1982            | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 | Aug.<br>1982         | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 | Aug.<br>1982            | July<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$374.69                | \$374.82     | \$381.94     | 42.1                 | 42.4         | 45.2         | \$8.90                  | \$8.84       | \$8.45       |
| Bridgeport  | 350.92                  | 352.77       | 334.65       | 40.9                 | 41.6         | 42.2         | 8.58                    | 8.48         | 7.93         |
| Bristol     | 358.36                  | 364.02       | 362.07       | 38.7                 | 39.1         | 40.5         | 9.26                    | 9.31         | 8.94         |
| Danbury     | 322.48                  | 320.45       | 310.59       | 42.6                 | 42.5         | 43.5         | 7.57                    | 7.54         | 7.14         |
| Danielson   | 276.14                  | 277.81       | 254.51       | 38.3                 | 38.8         | 38.1         | 7.21                    | 7.16         | 6.68         |
| Hartford    | 355.29                  | 351.43       | 334.14       | 40.1                 | 39.8         | 41.1         | 8.86                    | 8.83         | 8.13         |
| Meriden     | 296.21                  | 317.24       | 285.65       | 39.6                 | 41.2         | 41.1         | 7.48                    | 7.70         | 6.95         |
| Middletown  | 350.67                  | 343.94       | 326.00       | 40.4                 | 39.9         | 40.0         | 8.68                    | 8.62         | 8.15         |
| New Britain | 340.98                  | 339.73       | 323.18       | 40.4                 | 40.3         | 41.7         | 8.44                    | 8.43         | 7.75         |
| New Haven   | 319.48                  | 320.30       | 302.76       | 39.2                 | 39.3         | 40.1         | 8.15                    | 8.15         | 7.55         |
| New London- | 351.28                  | 344.99       | 318.00       | 40.1                 | 39.7         | 39.9         | 8.76                    | 8.69         | 7.97         |
| Norwich     |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Norwalk     | 317.46                  | 324.99       | 328.70       | 40.7                 | 41.4         | 44.6         | 7.80                    | 7.85         | 7.37         |
| Stamford    | 303.34                  | 306.06       | 296.84       | 39.6                 | 39.8         | 41.0         | 7.66                    | 7.69         | 7.24         |
| Torrington  | 227.76                  | 233.36       | 242.90       | 36.5                 | 37.7         | 41.1         | 6.24                    | 6.19         | 5.91         |
| Waterbury   | 284.78                  | 271.47       | 272.90       | 40.8                 | 39.4         | 41.6         | 6.98                    | 6.89         | 6.56         |
| Willimantic | 242.54                  | 249.38       | 257.98       | 36.2                 | 37.5         | 42.5         | 6.70                    | 6.65         | 6.07         |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment |            | Av. Weekly |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag.     | (Thous.)   | Initial    | Claims     | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4     | 1433.2     | 7433       | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7     | 1435.5     | 4533       | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9     | 1436.0     | 4055       | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5     | 1434.5     | 4644       | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7     | 1437.7     | 3941       | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8     | 1437.9     | 5786       | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7     | 1443.7     | 8374       | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4     | 1441.8     | 5877       | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3     | 1438.0     | 3896       | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9     | 1435.3     | 4729       | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0     | 1433.8     | 5751       | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1     | 1428.8     | 10279      | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |
| 1982    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1417.7     | 1432.0     | 8581       | 6236       | 7.7          | 6.5        |
| Feb.... | 1409.6     | 1429.6     | 5890       | 6716       | 7.6          | 6.8        |
| Mar.... | 1413.9     | 1426.7     | 5394       | 7107       | 7.1          | 7.0        |
| Apr.... | 1417.7     | 1416.3     | 6211       | 6971       | 6.9          | 7.3        |
| May.... | 1425.2     | 1413.9     | 6148       | 8353       | 6.5          | 7.3        |
| Jun.... | 1429.4     | 1409.7     | 7493       | 7855       | 6.9          | 6.9        |
| Jul.... | 1406.4     | 1417.7     | 10612      | 6816       | 7.1          | 6.9        |
| Aug.... | 1395.8     | 1411.3     | 6742       | 6688       | 6.6          | 6.6        |
| Sep.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Oct.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Nov.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |

|         | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|         | Millions (R)    | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|         | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb.... | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar.... | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr.... | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May.... | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun.... | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul.... | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug.... | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep.... | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct.... | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov.... | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec.... | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982    |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan.... | 3540.0          | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb.... | 3559.9          | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar.... | 3578.7          | 9368          | 7698       | 40.9          | 40.9       | 115.3       | 110.4      |
| Apr.... | 3592.3          | 5286          | 5068       | 40.6          | 40.8       | 113.6       | 110.2      |
| May.... | 3612.4          | 8632          | 7847       | 40.5          | 40.7       | 112.8       | 109.8      |
| Jun.... | 3626.7          | 9845          | 8728       | 40.2          | 40.2       | 111.3       | 107.6      |
| Jul.... | 3666.4          | 8391          | 8076       | 40.0          | 40.3       | 93.1        | 105.1      |
| Aug.... | 3687.4          | 11219         | 10485      | 40.0          | 40.4       | 93.0        | 105.4      |
| Sep.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Oct.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec.... |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT



EMPLOYMENT  
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Employment increased by nearly 20,000 and personal income and weekly wages reached record high levels in September, according to the monthly economic report of State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Unemployment dropped by 2,100 for a 6.4 percent rate but when seasonally adjusted, the rate was 6.9 percent. This compared with 10.1 nationally.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Non-agricultural employment was up by 19,900 to 1,415,700 in September (page 2). Manufacturing jobs increased by 6,600, reflecting the end of summer vacation shutdowns. The reopening of schools was largely responsible for monthly gains in government, transportation and educational services employment in nonmanufacturing which was 13,300 higher than the August level. Trade and other categories also posted increases. Employment was up from August in 15 of the state's 16 labor market areas (pages 5 & 6).

The average weekly pay of factory production workers reached an all-time high of \$334.43 and a record \$8.34 hourly (page 3) for a 40.1-hour week. This compared with \$317.34 weekly and \$7.74 per hour in September 1981. Computed for a straight-time, 40-hour week, hourly wages at \$8.04 and \$321.59 represented a 7.6 percent gain from 1981. Workers in the Ansonia area were paid the highest average weekly wage, \$380.70, followed by Bristol, \$360.75; Hartford, \$359.48; New London-Norwich, \$354.48 and Bridgeport, \$352 (page 6).

Unemployment: Joblessness dropped by 2,100 to a 1982 low of 103,100 or 6.4 percent in September (page 4). When computed on a seasonally adjusted basis, however, the rate moved up from 6.6 in August to 6.9 which compared with a 10.1 percent national rate. Unemployment declined in nine areas, increased in five and was unchanged in two labor market areas. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving compensation payments, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the state's economy, the manufacturing output improved and personal income of state residents once again reached a new high (page 7). Actual new filings for unemployment benefits dropped and there were fewer new car registrations.

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(An attached report profiles the Connecticut labor force.)

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT  
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

| September 1982              |               |              | % Change<br>Sept. '82<br>over<br>Aug. '82 | % Change<br>Sept. '82<br>over<br>Sept. '81 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                             | Sept.<br>1982 | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 (R)                         |                                            |
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,415,700*    | 1,395,800*   | 1,441,300*                                | + 1.4 - 1.8                                |
| Manufacturing.....          | 398,800*      | 392,200*     | 437,900                                   | + 1.7 - 8.9                                |
| Metallic Manufacturing...   | 287,500*      | 281,300*     | 319,600                                   | + 2.2 - 10.0                               |
| Primary Metals.....         | 17,000        | 17,000       | 19,600                                    | 0.0 - 13.3                                 |
| Fabricated Metals.....      | 59,000        | 57,800       | 65,900                                    | + 2.1 - 10.5                               |
| Machinery, Ex. Elec....     | 48,200*       | 48,100*      | 57,600                                    | + 0.2 - 16.3                               |
| Electrical Equipment....    | 47,800        | 48,300       | 51,600                                    | - 1.0 - 7.4                                |
| Transportation Equipment    | 83,500        | 78,700       | 87,700                                    | + 6.1 - 4.8                                |
| Instruments & Clocks....    | 25,200        | 24,600       | 29,800                                    | + 2.4 - 15.4                               |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....     | 6,800         | 6,800        | 7,400                                     | 0.0 - 8.1                                  |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing   | 111,300       | 110,900      | 118,300                                   | + 0.4 - 5.9                                |
| Food.....                   | 11,800        | 12,200       | 12,200                                    | - 3.3 - 3.3                                |
| Textiles.....               | 7,100         | 7,000        | 8,200                                     | + 1.4 - 13.4                               |
| Apparel.....                | 9,500         | 9,400        | 11,000                                    | + 1.1 - 13.6                               |
| Furniture & Lumber.....     | 6,300         | 6,100        | 6,400                                     | + 3.3 - 1.6                                |
| Paper.....                  | 9,800         | 9,700        | 10,200                                    | + 1.0 - 3.9                                |
| Printing & Publishing...    | 25,400        | 25,200       | 25,300                                    | + 0.8 + 0.4                                |
| Chemicals.....              | 18,500        | 18,500       | 19,500                                    | 0.0 - 5.1                                  |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.    | 11,100        | 11,200       | 12,400                                    | - 0.9 - 10.5                               |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg...    | 11,800        | 11,600       | 13,100                                    | + 1.7 - 9.9                                |
| Nonmanufacturing.....       | 1,016,900     | 1,003,600*   | 1,003,400*                                | + 1.3 + 1.3                                |
| Construction.....           | 54,000        | 53,900*      | 54,600*                                   | + 0.2 - 1.1                                |
| Transportation.....         | 31,900        | 29,500       | 32,000                                    | + 8.1 - 0.3                                |
| Motor Freight & Warehsg     | 12,700        | 12,600       | 12,600                                    | + 0.8 + 0.8                                |
| Other Transportation...     | 19,200        | 16,900       | 19,400                                    | + 13.6 - 1.0                               |
| Communications.....         | 17,600        | 18,300       | 18,100                                    | - 3.8 - 2.8                                |
| Utilities.....              | 11,700        | 11,700       | 11,500                                    | 0.0 + 1.7                                  |
| Trade.....                  | 310,100       | 306,000      | 303,500                                   | + 1.3 + 2.2                                |
| Wholesale.....              | 81,300        | 81,100       | 77,800                                    | + 0.2 + 4.5                                |
| Retail.....                 | 228,800       | 224,900      | 225,700                                   | + 1.7 + 1.3                                |
| General Merchandise...      | 30,900        | 29,800       | 30,500                                    | + 3.7 + 1.3                                |
| Food Stores.....            | 41,800        | 41,400       | 40,500                                    | + 1.0 + 3.2                                |
| Auto Dealers & GasSta.      | 24,300        | 24,200       | 24,700                                    | + 0.4 - 1.6                                |
| Restaurants.....            | 67,900        | 66,400       | 65,900                                    | + 2.3 + 3.0                                |
| Other Retail Trade....      | 63,900        | 63,100       | 64,100                                    | + 1.3 - 0.3                                |
| Finance, Ins. & R.E....     | 116,200       | 117,100      | 112,200                                   | - 0.8 + 3.6                                |
| Banking.....                | 28,400        | 28,800       | 27,400                                    | - 1.4 + 3.7                                |
| Insurance.....              | 65,500        | 65,800       | 62,700                                    | - 0.5 + 4.5                                |
| Real Estate.....            | 10,200        | 10,400       | 10,100                                    | - 1.9 + 1.0                                |
| Other Fin., Ins. & R.E.     | 12,100        | 12,100       | 12,000                                    | 0.0 + 0.8                                  |
| Services.....               | 301,400       | 301,600      | 293,500                                   | - 0.1 + 2.7                                |
| Hotels.....                 | 7,100         | 8,500        | 6,300                                     | - 16.5 + 12.7                              |
| Personal Services.....      | 14,500        | 14,300       | 14,000                                    | + 1.4 + 3.6                                |
| Business Services.....      | 61,700        | 61,400       | 59,400                                    | + 0.5 + 3.9                                |
| Health Services.....        | 101,800       | 100,500      | 100,100                                   | + 1.3 + 1.7                                |
| Law & Professional.....     | 20,900        | 21,100       | 20,300                                    | - 1.0 + 3.0                                |
| Educational Services...     | 28,700        | 25,200       | 27,100                                    | + 13.9 + 5.9                               |
| Other Services.....         | 66,700        | 70,600       | 66,300                                    | - 5.5 + 0.6                                |
| Government.....             | 174,000       | 165,500      | 178,000                                   | + 5.1 - 2.2                                |
| Federal.....                | 21,400        | 21,700       | 21,400                                    | - 1.4 0.0                                  |
| State & Local.....          | 152,600       | 143,800      | 156,600                                   | + 6.2 - 2.6                                |

\* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes  
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EARNINGS AND HOURS - SEPTEMBER 1 9 8 2  
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

|                                                | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS |              |               | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS |              |               | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS |              |               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                | Sept.<br>1982           | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 | Sept.<br>1982        | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 | Sept.<br>1982           | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | \$334.43                | \$331.60     | \$317.34      | 40.1                 | 40.0         | 41.0          | \$8.34                  | \$8.29       | \$7.74        |
| Metallic Manufacturing.....                    | 346.58                  | 343.76       | 328.75        | 40.3                 | 40.3         | 41.3          | 8.60                    | 8.53         | 7.96          |
| Primary Metals.....                            | 363.86                  | 365.65       | 372.37        | 40.7                 | 40.9         | 43.4          | 8.94                    | 8.94         | 8.58          |
| Fabricated Metals.....                         | 318.35                  | 312.40       | 304.68        | 40.4                 | 40.0         | 42.2          | 7.88                    | 7.81         | 7.22          |
| Machinery.....                                 | 359.45                  | 362.44       | 350.67        | 40.8                 | 41.0         | 42.3          | 8.81                    | 8.84         | 8.29          |
| Electrical Equipment.....                      | 275.81                  | 265.39       | 263.97        | 39.8                 | 38.8         | 40.3          | 6.93                    | 6.84         | 6.55          |
| Transportation Equipment...                    | 421.70                  | 425.14       | 384.40        | 40.2                 | 40.8         | 40.0          | 10.49                   | 10.42        | 9.61          |
| Instruments & Clocks.....                      | 301.95                  | 312.75       | 307.30        | 40.1                 | 41.7         | 42.8          | 7.53                    | 7.50         | 7.18          |
| Other Metallic Mfg.....                        | 281.40                  | 276.05       | 272.95        | 40.2                 | 39.1         | 41.8          | 7.00                    | 7.06         | 6.53          |
| Nonmetallic Manufacturing...                   | 304.92                  | 302.99       | 288.15        | 39.6                 | 39.4         | 40.3          | 7.70                    | 7.69         | 7.15          |
| Food.....                                      | 316.36                  | 324.28       | 303.69        | 40.3                 | 41.1         | 40.6          | 7.85                    | 7.89         | 7.48          |
| Textiles.....                                  | 237.07                  | 236.06       | 238.17        | 37.1                 | 37.0         | 40.3          | 6.39                    | 6.38         | 5.91          |
| Apparel.....                                   | 194.71                  | 192.03       | 185.64        | 36.6                 | 36.3         | 35.7          | 5.32                    | 5.29         | 5.20          |
| Lumber & Furniture.....                        | 253.68                  | 253.60       | 237.96        | 39.7                 | 40.0         | 40.4          | 6.39                    | 6.34         | 5.89          |
| Paper.....                                     | 380.35                  | 364.59       | 370.30        | 44.8                 | 43.3         | 46.0          | 8.49                    | 8.42         | 8.05          |
| Printing & Publishing.....                     | 316.83                  | 312.31       | 295.20        | 37.1                 | 36.4         | 36.9          | 8.54                    | 8.58         | 8.00          |
| Chemicals.....                                 | 377.39                  | 373.01       | 347.68        | 41.2                 | 40.9         | 41.0          | 9.16                    | 9.12         | 8.48          |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics....                    | 281.46                  | 276.75       | 275.98        | 39.2                 | 39.2         | 41.5          | 7.18                    | 7.06         | 6.65          |
| Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....                     | 327.18                  | 331.28       | 313.32        | 41.0                 | 41.0         | 42.0          | 7.98                    | 8.08         | 7.46          |
| Construction.....                              | 506.47                  | 500.19       | 434.88        | 37.6                 | 37.3         | 35.5          | 13.47                   | 13.41        | 12.25         |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

|                                          | Sept. 1982    |                               | Aug. 1982     |                               | Sept. 1981 (R) |                               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
|                                          |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |               | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |                | Ratio<br>to<br>Labor<br>Force |
|                                          | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u> |                               | <u>Number</u>  |                               |
| State Totals*-Actual.....                | 103,100       | 6.4                           | 105,200       | 6.6                           | 88,500         | 5.6                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted....                  |               | (6.9)                         |               | (6.6)                         |                | (6.2)                         |
| Labor Areas<br>(Not Seasonally Adjusted) |               |                               |               |                               |                |                               |
| Ansonia.....                             | 1,700         | 10.7                          | 1,700         | 10.5                          | 1,400          | 8.3                           |
| Bridgeport.....                          | 14,800        | 7.6                           | 14,500        | 7.4                           | 10,700         | 5.6                           |
| Bristol.....                             | 3,600         | 10.6                          | 3,400         | 10.0                          | 2,600          | 7.5                           |
| Danbury.....                             | 5,300         | 5.6                           | 5,800         | 6.0                           | 5,000          | 5.2                           |
| Danielson.....                           | 2,600         | 9.3                           | 2,500         | 9.1                           | 2,400          | 8.5                           |
| Hartford.....                            | 24,600        | 6.3                           | 24,500        | 6.3                           | 20,000         | 5.2                           |
| Meriden.....                             | 2,700         | 10.0                          | 2,800         | 10.5                          | 2,100          | 8.2                           |
| Middletown.....                          | 3,100         | 5.3                           | 3,200         | 5.6                           | 3,000          | 5.2                           |
| New Britain.....                         | 6,200         | 8.4                           | 6,700         | 9.3                           | 4,800          | 6.5                           |
| New Haven.....                           | 12,400        | 6.2                           | 12,800        | 6.4                           | 12,000         | 6.1                           |
| New London-Norwich.....                  | 5,200         | 4.8                           | 5,600         | 5.2                           | 6,000          | 5.6                           |
| Norwalk.....                             | 2,900         | 3.7                           | 3,000         | 3.8                           | 3,000          | 4.0                           |
| Stamford.....                            | 4,300         | 3.5                           | 4,400         | 3.5                           | 4,800          | 3.9                           |
| Torrington.....                          | 3,600         | 9.0                           | 4,000         | 9.8                           | 2,800          | 6.8                           |
| Waterbury.....                           | 8,900         | 8.2                           | 8,900         | 8.1                           | 6,800          | 6.4                           |
| Willimantic.....                         | 1,200         | 5.1                           | 1,400         | 5.7                           | 1,100          | 4.5                           |
| U.S. Total-Actual.....                   | 10,695,000    | 9.7                           | 10,710,000    | 9.6                           | 7,884,000      | 7.3                           |
| Seasonally Adjusted.....                 |               | (10.1)                        |               | (9.8)                         |                | (7.6)                         |

\* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.  
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## U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS Base Period (1967 = 100)

|                         | <u>Sept. '82</u> | <u>Aug. '82</u> | <u>Sept. '81</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| All Items.....          | 293.3            | 292.8           | 279.3            |
| Percent Change From.... | xxx              | + 0.2           | + 5.0            |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                      | Sept. '82 | Aug. '82 | Sept. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>September '82 from: |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                           |           |          |               | Aug. '82                                 | Sept. '81 |
| <u>ANSONIA</u>            |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 7,930     | 7,770    | 8,500         | + 2.1                                    | - 6.7     |
| Manufacturing             | 2,620     | 2,590    | 3,080         | + 1.2                                    | - 14.9    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 5,310     | 5,180    | 5,420         | + 2.5                                    | - 2.0     |
| <u>BRIDGEPORT</u>         |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 167,860   | 167,020  | 171,500       | + 0.5                                    | - 2.1     |
| Manufacturing             | 61,970    | 62,450   | 65,350        | - 0.8                                    | - 5.2     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 105,890   | 104,570  | 106,150       | + 1.3                                    | - 0.2     |
| <u>BRISTOL</u>            |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,710*   | 21,540*  | 23,360        | + 0.8                                    | - 7.1     |
| Manufacturing             | 7,810     | 8,170    | 9,800         | - 4.4                                    | - 20.3    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 13,900*   | 13,370*  | 13,560        | + 4.0                                    | + 2.5     |
| <u>DANBURY</u>            |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 68,720    | 68,320   | 69,320        | + 0.6                                    | - 0.9     |
| Manufacturing             | 24,780    | 24,620   | 25,900        | + 0.6                                    | - 4.3     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 43,940    | 43,700   | 43,420        | + 0.5                                    | + 1.2     |
| <u>DANIELSON</u>          |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 19,080    | 18,830   | 19,790        | + 1.3                                    | - 3.6     |
| Manufacturing             | 8,580     | 8,550    | 9,300         | + 0.4                                    | - 7.7     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 10,500    | 10,280   | 10,490        | + 2.1                                    | + 0.1     |
| <u>HARTFORD</u>           |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 397,020*  | 388,170* | 400,480*      | + 2.3                                    | - 0.9     |
| Manufacturing             | 89,620*   | 85,840   | 96,840        | + 4.4                                    | - 7.5     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 307,400   | 302,330* | 303,640*      | + 1.7                                    | + 1.2     |
| <u>MERIDEN</u>            |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 21,260    | 21,180   | 21,370        | + 0.4                                    | - 0.5     |
| Manufacturing             | 5,400     | 5,400    | 5,460         | 0.0                                      | - 1.1     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 15,860    | 15,780   | 15,910        | + 0.5                                    | - 0.3     |
| <u>MIDDLETOWN</u>         |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 45,540    | 44,240   | 46,620        | + 2.9                                    | - 2.3     |
| Manufacturing             | 14,360    | 13,670   | 15,720        | + 5.0                                    | - 8.7     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 31,180    | 30,570   | 30,900        | + 2.0                                    | + 0.9     |
| <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>        |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 59,980*   | 57,890*  | 63,350        | + 3.6                                    | - 5.3     |
| Manufacturing             | 25,120*   | 24,130*  | 29,350        | + 4.1                                    | - 14.4    |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 34,860    | 33,760   | 34,000        | + 3.3                                    | + 2.5     |
| <u>NEW HAVEN</u>          |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 189,880*  | 186,330* | 190,700       | + 1.9                                    | - 0.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 39,450*   | 38,870*  | 41,740        | + 1.5                                    | - 5.5     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 150,430   | 147,460* | 148,960       | + 2.0                                    | + 1.0     |
| <u>NEW LONDON-NORWICH</u> |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 96,410    | 95,180*  | 96,840*       | + 1.3                                    | - 0.4     |
| Manufacturing             | 34,280    | 33,850   | 35,290        | + 1.3                                    | - 2.9     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 62,130    | 61,330*  | 61,550*       | + 1.3                                    | + 0.9     |
| <u>NORWALK</u>            |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ.      | 64,850    | 64,940   | 64,490        | - 0.1                                    | + 0.6     |
| Manufacturing             | 20,350    | 20,300   | 21,220        | + 0.2                                    | - 4.1     |
| Nonmanufacturing          | 44,500    | 44,640   | 43,270        | - 0.3                                    | + 2.8     |



# AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

| Area                 | Sept. '82 | Aug. '82 | Sept. '81 (R) | Percent Change to<br>September '82 from: |           |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                      |           |          |               | Aug. '82                                 | Sept. '81 |
| <u>STAMFORD</u>      |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 113,060   | 111,620  | 113,460       | + 1.3                                    | - 0.4     |
| Manufacturing        | 30,730    | 29,580   | 31,840        | + 3.9                                    | - 3.5     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 82,330    | 82,040   | 81,620        | + 0.4                                    | + 0.9     |
| <u>TORRINGTON</u>    |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 28,300    | 28,070   | 29,560        | + 0.8                                    | - 4.3     |
| Manufacturing        | 9,570     | 9,590    | 10,450        | - 0.2                                    | - 8.4     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 18,730    | 18,480   | 19,110        | + 1.4                                    | - 2.0     |
| <u>WATERBURY</u>     |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 88,070    | 87,300   | 88,580        | + 0.9                                    | - 0.6     |
| Manufacturing        | 30,200    | 29,770   | 32,410        | + 1.4                                    | - 6.8     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 57,870    | 57,530   | 56,170        | + 0.6                                    | + 3.0     |
| <u>WILLIMANTIC</u>   |           |          |               |                                          |           |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 18,610    | 17,810   | 20,480        | + 4.5                                    | - 9.1     |
| Manufacturing        | 2,740     | 2,800    | 2,860         | - 2.1                                    | - 4.2     |
| Nonmanufacturing     | 15,870    | 15,010   | 17,620        | + 5.7                                    | - 9.9     |

\*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

## EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

### MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

|             | Average Weekly Earnings |              |               | Average Weekly Hours |              |               | Average Hourly Earnings |              |               |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|             | Sept.<br>1982           | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 | Sept.<br>1982        | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 | Sept.<br>1982           | Aug.<br>1982 | Sept.<br>1981 |
| Ansonia     | \$380.70                | \$374.69     | \$364.65      | 42.3                 | 42.1         | 42.9          | \$9.00                  | \$8.90       | \$8.50        |
| Bridgeport  | 352.00                  | 350.92       | 339.58        | 40.6                 | 40.9         | 42.5          | 8.67                    | 8.58         | 7.99          |
| Bristol     | 360.75                  | 358.36       | 362.71        | 39.0                 | 38.7         | 40.8          | 9.25                    | 9.26         | 8.89          |
| Danbury     | 319.20                  | 322.48       | 306.59        | 42.0                 | 42.6         | 42.7          | 7.60                    | 7.57         | 7.18          |
| Danielson   | 275.56                  | 276.14       | 256.32        | 37.8                 | 38.3         | 38.2          | 7.29                    | 7.21         | 6.71          |
| Hartford    | 359.48                  | 355.29       | 332.51        | 40.3                 | 40.1         | 40.6          | 8.92                    | 8.86         | 8.19          |
| Meriden     | 300.13                  | 296.21       | 284.90        | 39.7                 | 39.6         | 40.7          | 7.56                    | 7.48         | 7.00          |
| Middletown  | 340.86                  | 350.67       | 329.60        | 39.0                 | 40.4         | 40.0          | 8.74                    | 8.68         | 8.24          |
| New Britain | 342.50                  | 340.98       | 324.90        | 40.2                 | 40.4         | 41.6          | 8.52                    | 8.44         | 7.81          |
| New Haven   | 319.87                  | 319.48       | 302.04        | 39.2                 | 39.2         | 39.9          | 8.16                    | 8.15         | 7.57          |
| New London- | 354.48                  | 351.28       | 329.25        | 40.1                 | 40.1         | 40.9          | 8.84                    | 8.76         | 8.05          |
| Norwich     |                         |              |               |                      |              |               |                         |              |               |
| Norwalk     | 334.59                  | 317.46       | 328.70        | 42.3                 | 40.7         | 44.6          | 7.91                    | 7.80         | 7.37          |
| Stamford    | 315.99                  | 303.34       | 292.98        | 40.1                 | 39.6         | 40.3          | 7.88                    | 7.66         | 7.27          |
| Torrington  | 242.89                  | 227.76       | 238.80        | 38.8                 | 36.5         | 40.0          | 6.26                    | 6.24         | 5.97          |
| Waterbury   | 283.11                  | 284.78       | 269.93        | 40.1                 | 40.8         | 41.4          | 7.06                    | 6.98         | 6.52          |
| Willimantic | 267.85                  | 242.54       | 264.02        | 39.8                 | 36.2         | 43.0          | 6.73                    | 6.70         | 6.14          |

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

|         | Employment |            | Av. Weekly |            | Rate Total   |            |
|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|         | Nonag.     | (Thous.)   | Initial    | Claims     | Unemployment |            |
|         | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual     | Seas. Adj. | Actual       | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1418.4     | 1433.2     | 7433       | 5402       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Feb.... | 1414.7     | 1435.5     | 4533       | 5168       | 6.7          | 6.1        |
| Mar.... | 1422.9     | 1436.0     | 4055       | 5344       | 6.3          | 6.0        |
| Apr.... | 1435.5     | 1434.5     | 4644       | 5210       | 6.1          | 6.1        |
| May.... | 1448.7     | 1437.7     | 3941       | 5355       | 5.7          | 6.0        |
| Jun.... | 1457.8     | 1437.9     | 5786       | 6065       | 6.1          | 6.0        |
| Jul.... | 1432.7     | 1443.7     | 8374       | 5379       | 6.4          | 6.0        |
| Aug.... | 1426.4     | 1441.8     | 5877       | 5830       | 6.2          | 6.1        |
| Sep.... | 1441.3     | 1438.0     | 3896       | 6174       | 5.6          | 6.2        |
| Oct.... | 1441.9     | 1435.3     | 4729       | 6564       | 5.8          | 6.4        |
| Nov.... | 1446.0     | 1433.8     | 5751       | 7042       | 6.0          | 6.5        |
| Dec.... | 1447.1     | 1428.8     | 10279      | 6196       | 6.4          | 6.6        |
| 1982    |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Jan.... | 1417.7     | 1432.0     | 8581       | 6236       | 7.7          | 6.5        |
| Feb.... | 1409.6     | 1429.6     | 5890       | 6716       | 7.6          | 6.8        |
| Mar.... | 1413.9     | 1426.7     | 5394       | 7107       | 7.1          | 7.0        |
| Apr.... | 1417.7     | 1416.3     | 6211       | 6971       | 6.9          | 7.3        |
| May.... | 1425.2     | 1413.9     | 6148       | 8353       | 6.5          | 7.3        |
| Jun.... | 1429.4     | 1409.7     | 7493       | 7855       | 6.9          | 6.9        |
| Jul.... | 1406.4     | 1417.7     | 10612      | 6816       | 7.1          | 6.9        |
| Aug.... | 1395.8     | 1411.3     | 6742       | 6688       | 6.6          | 6.6        |
| Sep.... | 1415.7     | 1412.9     | 6314       | 9774       | 6.4          | 6.9        |
| Oct.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Nov.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |
| Dec.... |            |            |            |            |              |            |

|             | Personal Income | New Auto      |            | Average Work- |            | Mfg. Output |            |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|             | Millions (R)    | Registrations |            | Week Hours    |            | (1967=100)  |            |
|             | Seasonally Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual        | Seas. Adj. | Actual      | Seas. Adj. |
| 1981        |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     | 3277.0          | 9052          | 10565      | 42.1          | 41.8       | 119.7       | 115.1      |
| Feb....     | 3298.0          | 7491          | 9347       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 119.4       | 115.4      |
| Mar....     | 3319.7          | 11387         | 9435       | 41.8          | 41.8       | 120.3       | 115.2      |
| Apr....     | 3325.2          | 12979         | 12049      | 41.5          | 41.7       | 119.3       | 115.7      |
| May....     | 3340.8          | 9161          | 8845       | 41.6          | 41.8       | 119.3       | 116.1      |
| Jun....     | 3367.2          | 9387          | 8104       | 41.8          | 41.9       | 121.4       | 117.4      |
| Jul....     | 3422.4          | 9219          | 9015       | 41.4          | 41.7       | 104.0       | 117.4      |
| Aug....     | 3447.9          | 9888          | 9130       | 41.3          | 41.7       | 104.7       | 118.7      |
| Sep....     | 3460.6          | 8120          | 9430       | 41.0          | 41.2       | 119.3       | 117.6      |
| Oct....     | 3473.4          | 8742          | 8419       | 41.3          | 41.3       | 119.0       | 116.6      |
| Nov....     | 3488.1          | 8694          | 10297      | 41.4          | 41.0       | 118.8       | 114.5      |
| Dec....     | 3502.8          | 8501          | 8415       | 41.7          | 41.0       | 107.0       | 112.9      |
| 1982        |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Jan....     | 3540.0          | 6380          | 7359       | 40.9          | 40.6       | 117.0       | 112.5      |
| Feb....     | 3559.9          | 4919          | 6080       | 40.8          | 40.9       | 115.0       | 111.2      |
| Mar....     | 3578.7          | 9368          | 7696       | 40.9          | 40.9       | 115.3       | 110.4      |
| Apr....     | 3592.3          | 5286          | 5068       | 40.6          | 40.8       | 113.6       | 110.2      |
| May....     | 3612.4          | 8632          | 7847       | 40.5          | 40.7       | 112.8       | 109.8      |
| Jun....     | 3626.7          | 9845          | 8728       | 40.2          | 40.2       | 111.3       | 107.6      |
| Jul....     | 3666.4          | 8391          | 8076       | 40.0          | 40.3       | 93.1        | 105.1      |
| Aug....     | 3687.4          | 11219         | 10485      | 40.0          | 40.4       | 93.0        | 105.4      |
| Sep....     | 3713.4          | 3754          | 4469       | 40.1          | 40.3       | 108.2       | 106.7      |
| Oct....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Nov....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
| Dec....     |                 |               |            |               |            |             |            |
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## A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

The following tables summarize annual average labor force data for Connecticut for 1981. The data were taken from unpublished tabulations compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from the findings of the nationwide Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is the regular survey of households from which the national employment and unemployment statistics are derived each month. On an annual basis, the CPS yields estimates of the demographic characteristics of the employed and unemployed for the 50 states, 30 large Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 11 large cities. The data are published if they meet the BLS standards of reliability. More detailed summaries than presented here will appear later this year in the annual BLS publication, Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment.

The data shown in the tables opposite reflect a drop of 27,000 in the state-wide civilian labor force from 1980 to an average of 1,589,000 in 1981. The largest portion of this reduction took place in employment where an estimated 29,000 jobs were lost during the year. Over the same period, the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over rose to 2,391,000, up 5,000 from the 1980 annual average. The rise in population and decline in the labor force brought about a decline in the labor force participation rate which is derived from these two figures. Labor force participation dipped by 1.2 percentage points from 1980 to an average 66.5 percent in 1981. During the same time span, unemployment edged up from 95,000 to 98,000.

The annual average unemployment rate increased between 1980 and 1981 from 5.9 to 6.2 percent. Unemployment for the state's male population averaged 5.3 percent in 1981, while the female rate was 7.4 percent during the same period. A far greater contrast was found in a comparison between the white and black average unemployment rate. At 17.7 percent of the labor force, the unemployment rate for black persons was more than three times the rate for white persons. An analysis of occupational distribution in the state shows that white collar workers outnumber blue collar workers almost two to one. Although both categories lost employment in 1981, 30,000 white collar jobs were at least temporarily eliminated while 5,000 blue collar and 6,000 service jobs were displaced.

The largest single occupational category was that of clerical workers which included 20.2 percent of the working labor force. Professional and technical workers, comprising 19.4 percent, were nearly as numerous. Almost 200,000 of the state's 455,000 blue collar workers were employed in the more skilled category of craft and kindred jobs while operatives numbered 160,000.

More women continue to be employed in clerical jobs than in any other occupational category. In 1981, 37.9 percent of working women in Connecticut held clerical jobs. The second largest occupational category employing women was service work where 16.5 percent of the female working population were employed. For men, the largest occupational category was that of craft and kindred occupations, where 21.6 percent of the male working population held jobs followed by professional and technical occupations, employing 20.8 percent and managers and administrators with 16.8 percent.

TABLE I  
CONNECTICUT  
LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION  
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE  
1981 ANNUAL AVERAGES  
(Numbers in Thousands)

|                           | Civilian<br>Noninstitutional<br>Population<br>(16 years and over) | Civilian Labor Force |                         | Employment | Unemployment |      |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|------|
|                           |                                                                   | Number               | Participa-<br>tion Rate | Number     | Number       | Rate |
| TOTAL                     | 2,391                                                             | 1,589                | 66.5                    | 1,491      | 98           | 6.2  |
| Men                       | 1,130                                                             | 894                  | 79.2                    | 847        | 47           | 5.3  |
| Women                     | 1,261                                                             | 694                  | 55.1                    | 643        | 51           | 7.4  |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 1,019                                                             | 822                  | 80.7                    | 788        | 34           | 4.1  |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,133                                                             | 621                  | 54.8                    | 582        | 39           | 6.3  |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | 239                                                               | 146                  | 60.9                    | 121        | 25           | 17.2 |
| WHITE                     | 2,242                                                             | 1,485                | 66.2                    | 1,405      | 80           | 5.4  |
| Men                       | 1,064                                                             | 844                  | 79.3                    | 804        | 40           | 4.7  |
| Women                     | 1,177                                                             | 641                  | 54.4                    | 600        | 40           | 6.3  |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 963                                                               | 776                  | 80.6                    | 748        | 27           | 3.5  |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 1,064                                                             | 573                  | 53.9                    | 541        | 32           | 5.5  |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | 215                                                               | 136                  | 63.2                    | 115        | 21           | 15.6 |
| BLACK                     | 141                                                               | 99                   | 70.3                    | 81         | 18           | 17.7 |
| Men                       | 62                                                                | 47                   | 75.7                    | 39         | 7            | 15.7 |
| Women                     | 79                                                                | 52                   | 66.1                    | 42         | 10           | 19.6 |
| Men (20 Years and Over)   | 52                                                                | 43                   | 82.5                    | 36         | 7            | 15.4 |
| Women (20 Years and Over) | 65                                                                | 46                   | 71.5                    | 39         | 7            | 15.3 |
| Both Sexes (16-19 Years)  | INA                                                               | INA                  | INA                     | INA        | INA          | INA  |

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Items may not add to totals because of rounding.

TABLE II  
CONNECTICUT  
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE EXPERIENCED LABOR FORCE  
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE  
1981 ANNUAL AVERAGES

|                              | Number<br>Employed<br>(in 000's) | Number<br>Unemployed<br>(in 000's) | Unemploy-<br>ment Rate | Percent<br>Total | Distribution of the Employed |       |       |        |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--|
|                              |                                  |                                    |                        |                  | White                        | Black | Male  | Female |  |
| TOTAL                        | 1,491                            | 85                                 | 5.4                    | 100.0            | 100.0                        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0  |  |
| White-Collar Workers - Total | 858                              | 32                                 | 3.5                    | 57.6             | 58.8                         | 36.0  | 50.0  | 67.5   |  |
| Professional and Technical   | 289                              | 8                                  | 2.8                    | 19.4             | 19.9                         | 8.3   | 20.8  | 17.5   |  |
| Managers and Administrators  | 185                              | 3                                  | 1.4                    | 12.4             | 13.0                         | 1.8   | 16.8  | 6.8    |  |
| Sales Workers                | 84                               | 4                                  | 4.7                    | 5.6              | 5.9                          | 0.6   | 5.6   | 5.6    |  |
| Clerical Workers             | 301                              | 16                                 | 5.2                    | 20.2             | 20.0                         | 25.3  | 6.8   | 37.9   |  |
| Blue-Collar Workers - Total  | 455                              | 39                                 | 8.0                    | 30.5             | 29.9                         | 42.5  | 41.8  | 15.8   |  |
| Craft and Kindred Workers    | 197                              | 11                                 | 5.4                    | 13.2             | 13.4                         | 10.4  | 21.6  | 2.2    |  |
| Operatives                   | 160                              | 19                                 | 10.6                   | 10.7             | 10.2                         | 20.3  | 9.9   | 11.9   |  |
| Transp. Equip. Operatives    | 43                               | INA                                | INA                    | 2.9              | 2.6                          | 7.0   | 4.6   | 0.6    |  |
| Nonfarm Laborers             | 56                               | 6                                  | 9.9                    | 3.7              | 3.7                          | 4.8   | 5.7   | 1.2    |  |
| Service Workers              | 172                              | 13                                 | 7.2                    | 11.5             | 11.0                         | 21.5  | 7.7   | 16.5   |  |
| Farm Workers                 | INA                              | INA                                | INA                    | INA              | INA                          | INA   | INA   | INA    |  |

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